

Falkland 1900-2000

Year 1926

(As researched by Jack Burgess)

3rd January 1926

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cantata** – “A Christmas musical service was held in the Parish Church on Sunday evening, when the choir, under Mr George Spence, rendered the cantata ‘Emmanuel’. Solos were sung by Misses A. Oswald (soprano) and N. Anderson (contralto), and Messrs T. Drysdale (tenor) and A. Melville (bass).”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Holidays** – “The Public School closed last Thursday afternoon for the Christmas and New Year holidays. For a similar reason the continuation classes – book-keeping, shorthand, and first-aid – are suspended until the first week of 1926. The linen and floorcloth factories will also be closed for one week.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Treat** – “The children attending the Public School spent several happy hours in the Drill Hall on Thursday evening last week, the occasion being the annual Christmas treat given by the Hon. Mrs A. Maule Ramsay. Songs, recitations, etc., were rendered by several of the scholars in a very efficient manner. Tea was purveyed by Mr Macdonald, Bruce Arms Hotel, and the scholars were each presented with a box of chocolates.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Curling** – “The following are the prize-winners in the various competitions played at the local rink on Friday of last week:-

Lathrisk Cup and medal for highest aggregate for the day – Mr Walter Peggie snr; 2nd – Mr Martin Smart, Freuchie; 3rd Mr W. Bryce, Pitillock; 4th – Mr D. Bonthronne, Newton of Falkland.

Biscuit box – Major G.J. Lumsden, Tarvit.

Gulland Cup – Mr George Morgan, Nisbetfield.

Drawing medal – Mr Thos. Drysdale, Falkland.

Rink Cup – Mr Martin Smart.

By winning the Lathrisk Cup with the highest aggregate of 54, Mr Walter Peggie now becomes possessor of that trophy, having won it three times.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Christmas Treat** – “The children attending the U.F. Church Sunday school, along with their teachers, parents, and friends, spent a very happy time in the Church Hall on Monday evening. After tea, songs were rendered, and various games taken part in, and special mention might be made of the excellent rendering of an action song by several of the scholars. Before the company dispersed, the children had a visit from Santa Claus.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Concert** – Under the auspices of the local Boy Scout troop, a concert in aid of the old folks of the village was held in the Drill Hall on Wednesday evening of last week. There was a fair audience, and had the weather conditions been more favourable, there would, no doubt, have been a larger turnout. A long and varied programme was ably sustained by the following:-

Misses Janet Bett, M.J. Thomson, and A. Oswald, and Mr W. Paterson (vocal), Mr G. Anderson (violin), and Mr Harry Lee (mandolin). Two variety turns were given by members of the local troop. Misses C. Peggie and A. Edmeston playing the accompaniments. A party of Scouts from Markinch were to have given a sketch, but did not turn up owing to the inclement weather. As a result of this effort, thirty six of the deserving villagers will each receive ½ lb of tea and 2lb of sugar.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf Club Dance** – “Under the auspices of the local Golf Club, a very successful dance was held in the Drill Hall on Friday – Christmas night – when over fifty couples attended. The hall was tastefully decorated for the occasion, with bunting, streamers, holly, etc. – not forgetting mistletoe – and had a very inviting and seasonable appearance. Excellent music was discoursed by Drennan’s Jazz Orchestra from Dysart. The catering and other arrangements were in the hands of an energetic Committee, and were excellently carried out. Mr T.C. Schofield ably discharged the duties of M.C. The following is a list of the acceptances:-

Ladies – Misses E. Anderson, N. Anderson, Misses J. and L. Anderson (Auchtermuchty), Miss G. Brown, Mrs Bartie, Misses Chisholm, J. Drysdale, M. Duncan, C. Drysdale, M. Douglas, B. Douglas, Mrs J. Drysdale, Misses Dryden (Newton of Falkland), H. Forsyth, A. Forsyth, J. Finlay, A. Finlay, E. Fernie, Mrs Grainger (Edinburgh), Misses E. Grant, R. Grant, Misses Gavin, E. Hay, Mrs Hopkins, Misses E. Kennedy, J. Kennedy, M. Lawson, J. Lister, Mrs Leburn (Gateside), Misses Leishman (Freuchie), C. Melville, A. Middleton, J. Nelson, Mrs Nellies, Misses A. Oswald, C. Peggie, E. Page, J. Ross, Misses Reid (Freuchie), I.M. Strang, Misses Sturrock, M. Smith, B. Todd, K. Venters, J. Venters, K. White, and D. Young.

Gentlemen – Messrs G. Anderson, A. Archibald (Markinch), P. Birrell, W. Birrell, W. Bartie, J. Burgon, D. Braid (Freuchie), D.C. Bryce (Freuchie), J. & K. Brunton (Markinch), R. Bogie (Kirkforthar Feus), J. Campbell, D. Caira, J. Duncan, A. Dryburgh, T. Drysdale, C.R. Drysdale, R.S. Drysdale, J. Drysdale, J. Dalrymple (Freuchie), J. Donaldson (Freuchie), R. Dakers, A. Fox (Freuchie), Provost Hopkins, A. Hopkins, J. Hay, D. Joss (Markinch), H. Lee, W.G. Leburn (Gateside), C. Leburn (Gateside), A. Lindsay (Coaltown of Balgonie), A.C. Macdonald, W. Malloch (Dunshalt), C. Oram, W. Peggie, D. Reid (Strathmiglo), T.C. Schofield, M. St Clair, A. Shepherd (Freuchie), J.J. Ross, W. Tod, T. Watt (Freuchie), and J. Wallace (Kirkcaldy).”

10th January 1926

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Work Again** – “The Public School re-opened on Tuesday morning, and work was resumed in the linen and floorcloth factories on Thursday after the New Year vacation.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cost of Roadman’s House** – “Cupar District Committee’s roadman’s house at Falkland cost £476 9s 2d, plus £28 11s 9d of architect’s fees, a total cost of £505 0s 11d.

Extract from *The Fife News*: **New Year** – “The New Year was ushered in very quietly in the village. Several of the Townsfolk took advantage of the one-day excursions offered by the Railway Coy. The police fund for the poor of the burgh was disbursed, when a number of the children and old folks were presented with clothing and boots, and in some cases, money.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Billiards** – “The final of the St Dunstan’s tournament was played off on Friday of last week, when Messrs R. Robertson (80), and G. Baxter (45), were the finalists. After a good game, the latter ran out winner by 18 points, the scores reading – Baxter 150; Robertson 132.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Library** – “The following is a list of new books which have been added to the War Memorial Institute Library:-

‘The Virginians’, Owen Mister; ‘The Setons’, O. Douglas; ‘If Winter Comes’, Hutchinson; ‘The Golden Age’, Kenneth Graham; ‘Miss Esperance and Mr Mycherly’, L. Allen Harker; ‘Mr Standfast’, John Buchan; ‘Prester John’, John Buchan; ‘The Great Impersonation’, E.P. Oppenheim; ‘Trent’s Last Case’, E.C. Bentley; ‘A Knight on Wheels’, Ian Hay; ‘The Butterfly Man’, Marie C. Oemler; ‘The Adventure of Lining’, John Strachey; ‘The Green Archer’, Edgar Wallace; ‘Penny Plain’, O. Douglas; ‘The Shepherd of the Hills’, Harold Wright; ‘The Sea Hawk’, R. Sabatini; ‘The Land of the Pharaohs’, Samuel Manning; ‘Ten Year’s Digging in Egypt’, Sir W.M. Flinders Petrie; ‘The Faith of a Marker’, L.P. Jacks; ‘Self-Selected Essays’, Augustine Birrell; ‘The Life of Gladstone’, Herbert Paul; ‘The Wood Carver of Lympus’, Mary Maller; ‘Stories of Whales’, Frank T. Bullen; ‘Stories of Deep Sea Fish’, Frank T. Bullen; ‘Fabre’s Book of Insects’, Mrs Rodolph Stowell; ‘The Book of a Naturalist’, W.H. Hudson; ‘The Last Secrets’, John Buchan.”

16th January 1926

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Church** – “The Rev. A.H. Anderson of Auchtermuchty, conducted the morning service in the Parish Church on Sunday.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Billiards** – “Messrs Charles Oram (scratch) and Wm. Ross (35) met in the final of a billiard tournament in the Institute on Saturday evening. Play was of a ding-dong nature until the closing stages of the game, when Oram drew away from his youthful opponent, and ran out winner by 17 points, the scores reading 150-133.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Billiards** – “Four players from Buckhaven visited the Institute on Tuesday evening, and engaged a similar number of local players in exhibition games of 150 points. As far as billiards go, the homesters had to take a back seat, but the spectators were treated to an interesting exhibition by the visitors. Scores:-

Falkland

Buckhaven

C. Oram	71	W. Wilson	150
D. Clark	73	R. Thomson	150
T. Drysdale	75	H. Clark	150
W. Bartie	61	J. McDougall	150
	280		600

Highest break – 32 by J. McDougall.

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Guild Whist Drive and Dance** – “Under the auspices of the Parish Church Woman’s Guild, a very enjoyable whist drive, followed by a dance was held in the Liqueorstone Temperance Hotel last Friday evening. There was a large turnout, twenty tables being occupied. Mr T.C. Schofield acted as M.C. The prizes were handed over by Mrs Nisbet, vice-president of the Guild to the following:-

Ladies – 1. Mrs Nellies – 195; 2. Mrs Brown – 192; consolation – Miss Collier – 127.

Gentlemen – 1. Miss H.S. Forsyth (playing as a gentleman) – 192; Mr T. Williamson – 189; consolation – Mr M. Stark – 127.

Dance music was supplied by Messrs G. Anderson and M. Stark, and Miss Forsyth. Among those present were:-

Rev. J.K. Russell and Miss Strang, The Manse; Mrs and Miss Bonthron, Newton House; Mrs Dykes, Westfield; Mr and Mrs John Morgan, Kilgour; Mr and Mrs Nisbet, Schoolhouse; Mr and Mrs Williamson, Lismore; Provost and Mrs Hopkins; Mr and Mrs Brown, Dundrennan; Mrs Nellies, Miss K. Collins, Misses Smith, Drysdale, A. Edmiston, F. Grant, Kennedy, J.L. and N. Finlay, Melville, Jackson, Lindsay, Newton Bank; Mr and Mrs Davidson, Mrs Buchanan, Messrs John Senior, J. Macdonald, A. Fox, Freuchie; J. Hay, G. Anderson, J.E. Hardie, C.W. Oram and W. Peggie.”

Article in *The Fife News*: **Longden’s Six Goals at Kettle** – “A remarkable feature of Kettle Vale’s entry into the first round of the Stein Cup at the expense of Lomond Vale at Kettle, was the fact that Longden, Kettle’s centre-forward scored all his team’s six goals. This double ‘hat-trick’ is rather unique in the Howe of Fife. The teams lined up as follows:-

Kettle – Mill; Hart and Dickie; Henderson, McDougall, and Dowie; Garland, Sutherland, Longden, Craig, and Glen.

Falkland – Brown; Richfield and Lee; Lockhart, Lawson, and Birrell; J. Anderson, D. Anderson, Chapman, Robertson, and Bett.

Referee – Mr M. Adams.

Kettle won the toss and took advantage of the wind, and thins did not look too promising for the visitors at the start. After making progress on the left, Hart sent well down, Longden sent out to Glen, who smartly returned the ball. Lee failed to clear and Longden gave Brown no chance from close range. This first minute goal did not dishearten Falkland, who were soon at Mill's charge, and a perfect cross from J. Anderson resulted in Chapman and Robertson failing to net, with Mill well out of position.

Kettle were being hard pressed at this period, and had the visitors finished their outfield play, they could have taken the lead. Lawson, who was playing a great game, let Bett away on the left. He seemed to be right through, but Dickie tackled and handled inside the dreaded area. Lawson took the kick and made no mistake. This ginged up Kettle a bit, and for the next few minutes they bombarded Brown's goal. Longden was in prominence at this time, and after tricking three men sent into the net, but the whistle had sounded for a previous infringement and the point disallowed. Ten minutes later, Garland crossed a fine ball for Longden to head well out of Brown's reach. The last fifteen minutes of the first half was certainly Falkland's, but there was a deplorable exhibition of shooting when their forwards came anywhere near Mill.

Half-time – Kettle 2; Falkland 1.

Five minutes after the resumption, Longden again profited from a mistake in the visitors' defence, and completed his hat-trick. Falkland then had a spell at the home goal, Mill having to save twice from Lawson and Chapman respectively. After some good defensive play by McDougall the danger was averted. Garland, taking a perfect pass from Henderson, sent across to Longden, who, in his endeavour to fasten on, had to retire to the line for repairs. At this time the visitors brightened considerably, and Hart had a hard time defending. He handled just outside the penalty area, and Lawson from the kick placed well to D. Anderson who put over.

Glenn, Kettle's latest recruit, at outside left, was giving quite a good account of himself. The home forwards seemed to be at sea without Longden, who was still in the trainer's hands. Falkland were playing a good game at this period and should have reduced the leeway. When Longden resumed he soon had his forwards in action. Garland raced along the right and sent across goal. Longden, again in position, sent in a stinger, to beat Brown all ends up. Next minute the same player put his side further ahead. This was hard luck for the visitors who were playing quite a useful game, but were failing to take their scoring chances.

Longden again! He went away on his own, but was fouled inside 'the box'. Taking the spot kick himself, he made the total six, all off his own boot, truly a great performance. The visitors were now a beaten team. They had played some

attractive football, and had as many chances as their opponents, but failed to take them.

Result – Kettle, 6; Falkland, 1.

Kettle were best served by Longden and their defence. Falkland's best were Lawson, J. Anderson, D. Anderson and Richfield.

23rd January 1926

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Services** – “Rev. J.T. Boag of Strathmiglo conducted both the morning and afternoon services in the U.F. Church on Sunday.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Motor Accident** – “The occupants of a motor car had a very narrow escape when involved in a collision with a Dundee motor lorry at Falkland on Monday. The lorry, belonging to Messrs Horsburgh, Dundee, collided at the Palace wall with a small car, owned by Mr Thomson, commercial traveller, Kingskettle. The car was badly damaged. Mr Thomson complained of pains in his side, and also had a hand cut. Mr Beddie, his father-in-law, who was driving, escaped without injury, and the lorry was practically undamaged, and proceeded on its way to Kirkcaldy.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Billiard Match** – “Teams representing Falkland and Ladybank met in friendly combat at the local War Memorial Institute on Tuesday evening. Each side won three games, with a points majority of 23 in favour of the homesters. Details:-

Falkland		Ladybank	
C. Oram	100	D. Mills	85
T. Drysdale	97	J. Williams	100
D. Clark	100	A. Turpie	40
W. Bartie	76	D. Lowe	100
C.R. Drysdale	100	J. Smart	67
G. Baxter	42	J. Mill	100
	515		492

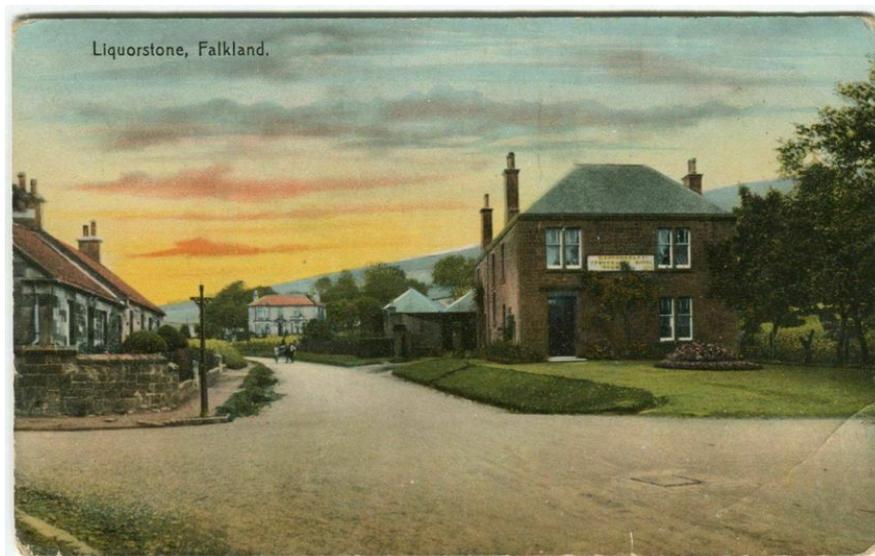
Extract from *The Fife News*: **Billiards** – “For some time past several of the younger players in the Institute having been boasting their prowess at billiards, which eventually led up to a challenge match with the senior team. This match, which took place on Monday evening, proved that the Juniors had ‘bitten off more than they

could chew', as the scores indicate. Bouts of this nature, however, lend zest to the games and it is hoped that matches of a similar nature will be of frequent occurrence in the future. Scores:-

Juniors		Seniors	
G. Baxter	93	C. Oram	100
J. Dakers	30	T. Drysdale	100
S. Drysdale	23	D. Clark	100
W. Ross	51	W. Bartie	100
J. McEwan	52	C.R. Drysdale	100
J. Lawson	78	I. Robertson	100
	327		600

30th January 1926

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Girl Guides** – “The enrolling ceremony took place in Hardie’s Temperance Hotel on Monday evening, the duties of which were performed by Mrs Hutchison, District Commissioner, from Kirkcaldy. There were 22 guides enrolled. Thereafter, the Company, under Captain C. Melville, gave a display of drill, which was greatly enjoyed and appreciated by parents and friends.”



Temperance Hotel, Liqueorstone, Falkland (circa 1920's)

Extract from *The Fife News*: **District School Holidays** – “Falkland District School Management Committee met in Falkland School – Mr J. Kirk, Gateside, presiding. It was reported that at a meeting of representatives in the Cupar area the principle of

uniformity of school holidays had been agreed to, with the exception of the summer holidays. In order to bring Falkland district into line with the others, it was agreed to add Good Friday to the spring holidays. A deputation from the Education Authority is to meet the Committee on Monday, 29th March, to confer as to the centralisation of supplementary class pupils from Strathmiglo at Auchtermuchty.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **B.O.A.F.G.** – “At the general meeting of ‘Lomond Oak’ Lodge (No. 387), held in the Town Hall on Thursday last week, the following office-bearers were appointed for the ensuing year:-

W.M., Bro. James Skinner snr.; D.M., Bro. Peter Robertson; P.M., Bro. George S. Hardie; S.W., Bro. W. Gullon; J.W., Bro. Peter Birrell; I.G., Bro. Alex. Lawson; O.S., Bro. John Reekie; Sick Stewards, Bro. P.G. Lawson, Falkland, and R. Dewar, Freuchie; Secretary, Bro. James S. Hardie; Treasurer, Bro. James Lawson; Auditors, Bros. Peter Robertson and Thomas Drysdale; Trustees, Bros. G.S. Hardie, Falkland, J. Duncan, Freuchie, and W. Gray, Dunshalt.

The Lodge is in a very flourishing condition, the present funds totalling £2,000 10s. There was an increase of £177 9s on the session’s workings. There is also an increase of 10 on the membership. Sickness benefit paid amounted to £85 17s 1d.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Free Gardener’s Dance** – “The annual dance under the auspices of B.O.A.F.G. ‘Lomond Oak’ Lodge (No. 387) was held in the Drill Hall last Friday night. Over 50 couples attended and excellent music was supplied by the Broadway Follies Orchestra from Cowdenbeath. The following delegates were present:-

Bro. John Webster, District Executive; Bros. R. Marshall and J. Seath, ‘Pride of Thornton’; Bros. Blyth and Fernie, ‘Rothes Oak’; and C. Oram, Masonic Lodge, ‘St John No. 35’.

The Committee responsible for the arrangements consisted of Bros. J.S. Hardie, (Secretary), James Skinner snr., James Skinner jnr., J. Hay, P. Birrell, J. Lawson, A. Shepherd, A. Fox, and J. Gray, while the following ladies attended to the catering:-

Mrs Birrell, Mrs Homden, Mrs J.S. Hardie, Mrs Bartie, Misses E. Grant, A. Edmeston, H.S. Forsyth, and J. Anderson. Bros. John Hay and Peter Birrell discharged the duties of M.C.’s. The following is a list of the acceptances:-

Ladies – Misses E. Ashton, J. Anderson, Mrs Birrell, Mrs Bartie, Misses M. Birrell, G. Brown, J. Dewar, A. Edmeston, A. Forsyth, H.S. Forsyth, E. Fernie, E. Grant, R. Grant, Mrs Homden, Mrs Hardie, Misses E. Hay, C. Hardie, J. Lawson, M. Lawson, J. Lister, A. Meldrum, A. Middleton, Mrs Morgan, Misses J. Nelson, M.J. Thomson,

Brown, Strathmiglo; J. Curr, Auchtermuchty; Misses Dalrymple, Freuchie; M. Gray, Dunshalt; M. Haxton, Strathmiglo; M. Lawrie, Freuchie; B. Murray, Auchtermuchty; N. Mechie, Auchtermuchty; J. McKendrick, Auchtermuchty; E. MacCulloch, Auchtermuchty; Misses McQuirter, Strathmiglo; Mrs Fotheringham, Strathmiglo; and P. Thomson, Freuchie.

Gentlemen – Bros. G. Anderson, P. Birrell, W. Birrell, A. Dryburgh, T. Drysdale, C.R. Drysdale, W. Gullon, J. Hay, J.S. Hardie, J.E. Hardie, J. Lawson, M. Lawson, P. Lawson, A. Meldrum, J. Skinner, G. Shields, J. Beattie, Freuchie; W. Crichton, Freuchie; A. Fox, Freuchie; J. Gray, Dunshalt; P. Gray, Dunshalt; A. Shepherd, Freuchie; M. Watt, Freuchie; Messrs G. Anderson, D. Buist, A. Burnett, D. Cairn, J.A. Dewar, T. Imrie, J. Kay, J. Morgan, J. McEwan, A.C. McDonald, A. Smith, J. Reekie, W. Aitken, Thornton; J. Brunton, Markinch; J. Dalrymple, Freuchie; W. Fotheringham, Strathmiglo; J. Forrester, Thornton; J. Hutchison, Thornton; A. Hill, Strathmiglo; C. Henderson, Kirkcaldy; B. Laing, Strathmiglo; A. Robertson, Freuchie; D. Scott, Dunshalt; R. Young, Balmalcolm.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Birth – Robertson** – “At High Street, Falkland, on Monday, 25th January, to Mr and Mrs P. Robertson, butcher, a daughter.”

6th February 1926

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Church Parade** – “The local companies of Girl Guides under Captain Melville, Boys’ Reserve under Lieutenant Dakers, and Boy Scouts under Scoutmaster Wallace, the last named headed by the Rover Scout Pipe Band, attended divine worship in the Parish and U.F. Churches on Sunday forenoon and afternoon.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Whist Drive** – “Under the auspices of the local Unionist Association, a very enjoyable whist drive was held in the Liquorstone Temperance Hotel on Thursday of last week. Twenty tables were occupied, and Mr D. Bonthronne acted as timekeeper. A dance followed, at which Messrs T.C. Schofield and T. Drysdale acted as M.C.’s. Prize-winners at the whist were:-

Ladies – 1st Miss Cowan, Gowrie Cottage, 191; 2nd Mrs Nisbet, Schoolhouse, 182; consolation Miss Myles, 134.

Gentlemen – 1st Mr H. Robson, 188; 2nd Mr D. Robertson, Westfield, 186; consolation Mr G. Brown, Glentarkie, 132.”

13th February 1926

Article in *The Fife News*: **Cupar and District League Meeting – Falkland Fails** – “A meeting of the Cupar and District Football League was held in the Crown Hotel, Kingskettle, on Monday evening – Mr R.M. Thomson presiding. A claim by Falkland Lomond Vale asking for a replay in their League game against Freuchie Rovers was first considered. The Falkland Club maintained that owing to the late arrival of the referee the game had to be stopped before time. The claim was not considered competent owing to the accompanying fee not being according to rule.

The heavy snow storm that occurred in the latter part of December was the cause of Falkland Lomond Vale having to face two claims. The first was by P. Swain, Coaltown, who claimed his tariff and expenses for having travelled to Falkland on 19th December, and then declaring the ground unplayable owing to the snow. The referee was awarded 8s as tariff and expenses.

Markinch Victoria Rangers also were forward with a claim for £1 of expenses incurred going to Falkland on the 19th December. The Markinch Club maintained that Falkland should have cancelled the game. After hearing representatives from either Club, the Committee agreed to disallow the Markinch claim. The question of an inter-League game was left in the Secretary’s hands.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Parish Church** – “In Falkland Parish Church, for the year 1925, the total collections amounted to £278 1s 6d, of which £137 9s 10d was in ordinary collections. £69 4s 3d was given for other Church and charitable work, and £64 0s 7d for the schemes of the Church.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Presentation** – “On the occasion of her leaving the employment of the Falkland Equitable Co-operative Society Ltd., last Saturday evening, Miss Chrissie Drysdale was presented with a handsome umbrella. Mr William Gullon, on behalf of the Committee and employees, in a few well-chosen words, handed over the gift, and Miss Drysdale suitably replied.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football** – “Lomond Vale and Kennoway United met under Cupar and District League auspices at Falkland on Saturday afternoon. The homesters gained a well-merited victory by 5 goals to 2.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Curling Dinner** – “A royal evening is in store for the Curlers of Falkland tonight (Friday), when their annual dinner takes place in the Bruce Arms Hotel. A splendid repast is to be served with a true curlers’ menu on the

table, giving advice between courses, after the fashion of 'A wee bittock'! That'll dae', 'Draw the Port', etc., Mr G.B. Morgan, Nisbetfield, the president of the Falkland Club, will preside, and the toast list includes speeches from Mr D. Bonthron, Newton of Falkland, Major G.J. Lumsden, Tavit, Cupar, and Messrs W. Bonthron, W. Peggie, Peter Robertson, Alex. Shanks, W. Thom, Stratheden, and Provost Hopkins, Falkland."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Statistics** – "Some interesting figures were given by Rev. A. Cant, Creich, in his statistical report from which the following is extracted:-

Parish	Elders	Baptisms	Com. On Roll at 31 Dec. 1925	No. taking Communion least once during year
Falkland	7	21	512	405

20th February 1926

Article in *The Fife News*: **Football – Freuchie's Superiority** – "Freuchie Rovers and Lomond Vale, Falkland, met at Freuchie in the first round of the Cura Cup. A large crowd gathered at the Recreation Park to see this 'local Derby'. Freuchie won the toss and kicked downhill. The Vale were first to attack, but the Rovers soon found their feet and Gavin, the visitors goalkeeper, was called into action. Keeping up the attack, Freuchie scored. Gavin held a shot, but was forced to drop the ball before he could clear, and in the ensuing scrimmage, Young touched it through. This score nettled the visitors and they invaded Rovers' half, the right winger putting in some good work. Swinton, however, was in form, and cleared well. At this time the referee had to stop the game for a few minutes and clear the spectators off the lines. Freuchie had now settled down, and pinned the visitors to their own half. McKenzie and Young on the left wing kept Falkland defence in hot water, and Gavin was lucky to be in place to get a 'red-hot' shot from the latter. Strudley also had a good try with a header, but Gavin was not to be beaten. Falkland were having a few raids, but they came to nothing, though Swinton had to run out to save once or twice. Despite further pressure, Freuchie were only leading by one goal at the interval.

After the resumption, McKenzie beat Gavin with the Rovers' second goal. Almost from the kick-off, Dowie, the Rovers right winger, got away, and shaking off all opposition, gave Gavin no chance with a fast shot. After that, Freuchie outplayed the Vale, McKenzie and Grieve being cheered for wonderful exhibitions of ball control, and it was no surprise when Grieve increased the home total to four,

followed by another from Dowie off a corner. Most of the interest had now gone from the game, and it was a case of an exhibition of finer touches from Freuchie. The final whistle went with the score – Freuchie Rovers, 5; Lomond Vale, 0.

Falkland were no match for the homesters, and the score was a true reflex of the Rovers' superiority. After the game, the visitors had the height of the goalposts measured, with the view, it is understood, to entering a protest."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Social and Dance** – "The S.C.W.S. employees annual social gathering was held in the Drill Hall on Friday evening of last week, when Mr George Robertson, manager of the linen factory, presided over a large assembly. After a sumptuous tea, the company was entertained to a splendid programme, which was upheld by the following artists:-

Songs, 'The Garden of Your Heart', and 'Success to Bonnie Scotland', Miss Dall, Freuchie; 'Come Back to Me', and 'Doon the Burn', Miss Morgan, Freuchie; 'Angus MacDonald', and 'Cam ye by Atholl', Miss Oswald, Falkland; 'True, True till Death', and 'The Boys of the Old Brigade', Mr R. Allan, Freuchie; 'The Star o' Robbie Burns', and 'Mary', Mr P. Shields, Falkland; 'Passing By', and 'The Deil's Awa wi' the Exciseman', Mr T. Williamson, Falkland; 'The Auld Scotch Sangs', and 'The Gallant Forty Twa', Mr C. Oram, Falkland; duet, 'The Upper Ten and the Lower Five', Messrs Allan and Shields; violin selections, 'Minute in G', and 'Loch Earn', Mr Marshall Stark, Falkland.

A special feature of the programme was the graceful dancing of Misses L. and J. Thomson from Buckhaven. Bain's Band from Leslie, which later supplied music at the dance, also played a nice selection. Miss Edmeston acted as accompanist. The dance which followed the concert was largely attended, and was very enjoyable. Messrs Peter Birrell and John McEwan acted as M.C.'s."

Extract from *the Fife News*: **Curlers' Dinner** – "The local Curling Club dinner was held in the Bruce Arms Hotel on Friday evening of last week, with Mr George Morgan, Nisbetfield, president of the Club, in the chair. There was a company of over thirty, including delegates from Ladybank and Stratheden Clubs. After doing justice to a splendid repast, the following new members were initiated into the mysteries:-

Messrs Robert Andrew, Freuchie; T. Williamson, Falkland; and John Gibson, Woodmill, transferred; and Jack Cairns, David C. Shanks, Easter Cash; Robert Bonthron, Forthar; and Wm. Bartie, A.C. MacDonald, Robert Hendry, James Mungall, Melville St Clair, T.C. Schofield, all of Falkland.

During the evening songs were rendered by Messrs Jas. Jackson, T. Drysdale, T. Williamson, T.C. Schofield, J. Cairns, and T. Donaldson (Auchtermuchty). Mr St Clair acted as accompanist. The toast list was as follows:-

'The King and Queen, Prince of Wales, and Royal Family', by the Chairman; 'The Imperial Forces' by Mr David Bonthron, reply, Major G.J. Lumsden; 'Royal Caledonian Curling Club' by Mr Walter Peggie, reply, Mr D. Bonthron; 'New Members' by Mr Wm. Bonthron, reply, Mr St Clair; 'Neighbouring Clubs' by Mr Peter Robertson, replies, Messrs R. McHarg, Ladybank, and T. Donaldson, Stratheden; 'Falkland Curling Club' by Mr W. Thom, Stratheden, reply, Mr George Morgan; 'Town and Trade of Falkland' by Mr Alex. Shanks, reply, Provost Hopkins; 'The Chairman' by Major Lumsden.

Altogether a very happy time was spent, and with the singing of 'Auld Lang Syne' the function was brought to a close."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Billiards** – "The return match between Falkland and Kettle 'second strings' was played at Kettle on Thursday evening of last week. The local boys on this occasion won by 20 shots, the scores being:-

Kettle		Falkland	
O. Maxwell	104	S. Drysdale	63
G. Turner	65	J. Lawson	70
D. Turnbull	51	W. Ross	74
A. Smith	82	G. Baxter	103
J. Munro	60	H. Coutts	77
W. Bernard	84	J. McEwan	39
	446		426

Extract from *the Fife News*: **Death – Galloway** – "At Oakbank, Falkland, on the 16th inst., James Galloway, retired wood-turner, in his 90th year."

27th February 1926

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Pulpit** – "The Rev. John Taylor, of Collessie, occupied the Parish Church pulpit on Sunday morning, and delivered an eloquent sermon."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Dancing Class** – "Miss C.N. Burgess's dancing class finishing assembly was held in the Drill Hall on Friday of last week, when there were between 35 and 40 couples present."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Social** – “The U.F. Church Bible class annual social meeting was held in the Church Hall on Monday evening, when a company of about thirty was present. After a dainty tea, a happy evening was spent in various games, songs, and musical items.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Passing of Nonagenarian** – “The very large concourse of mourners at his funeral bore testimony of the esteem in which the late Mr James Galloway, retired wood-turner and cabinetmaker, Falkland, was held in Falkland and district. Mr Galloway, who was ninety years of age, was born at Auchtermuchty, where his father was in business as a cabinetmaker. He came to Falkland a great many years ago, and took a deep interest in religious work. For long he conducted the children’s church in the hall. Rev. J.K. Russell, Falkland Parish Church, conducted the funeral service both at the house of the deceased and at the graveside at Falkland cemetery.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Band of Hope** – “The Parish Church Band of Hope annual recital was given in the church on Thursday of last week, when the children, under the leadership of Mr George Spence, church organist, gave a splendid rendering of the sacred piece, entitled ‘The River of Life’. Miss Edmeston played the accompaniments. Solos, duets, etc., were as follows:-

‘Our Friend Unfailing’, Miss Cathie Lawson; ‘How the Flowers Grow’, Miss Margaret Wallace; ‘Tis Sweet to Think’, Miss Bessie Anderson; ‘The World is Full of Sweetness’, Miss Margaret Thomson; ‘The Pilgrim’s Home’, Miss Jean Douglas; ‘The Angels Watch’, Miss Kate Lawson; ‘A Happy Child’, Master Jack Anderson; ‘The Heavenly Portal’, Master Finlay Drysdale; ‘Step Out Into the Sunshine’ and ‘Happy Days’, Misses A. Oswald and Nessie Anderson; ‘Saviour, Hear Us’, Misses Margaret Oswald, Peggy Hopkins, Jane Hopkins, Betty Grant, and Georgina Lawson.

Rev. J.K. Russell read a story in conjunction with the singing, and various scenes therein were depicted by lantern slides. Messrs Charles and John J. Ross manipulated the lantern.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death of Local Man Abroad** – “An impressive scene was witnessed in Falkland Cemetery on Wednesday afternoon, when the remains of Mr Robert Walker, youngest son of Mrs Janet Walker, High Street, were laid to rest with full Masonic honours, R.W.M. Bro. John Garland having charge of the ceremony. Deceased, who was 39 years of age, held a responsible position on the staff of The Consolidated Mining and Smelting Co., of Canada Ltd., Trail, British Columbia. He contracted pneumonia, and after a few days’ illness, passed away on

the morning on the first of this month. 'Bobby', when a lad of seventeen summers, emigrated to the Dominion, and was gradually working his way up the ladder of success, when in 1914 the call of war found him ready. He served in the Royal Engineers, and six weeks before the armistice was rather badly wounded, which necessitated a period of twelve months in hospital, followed by a similar time of convalescence at home. He then returned to British Columbia to resume his former position, and it came as a sad blow when the cable arrived to say that death had taken him away. Much sympathy is extended to his mother, sister and brothers in their hour of sorrow. The esteem in which he was held is shown by the firm's generosity in bearing all the expenses of sending his body home, a distance of over 6,000 miles from Trail, B.C."

6th March 1926

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Pupils Visit the Palace** – “Two charabanc loads of scholars from a St Andrews school visited Falkland on Monday, the pupils being conducted on a tour of inspection over the Palace.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Guides' Concert** – “Falkland Company of the Girl Guides held a successful concert in the Drill Hall, Rev. J.K. Russell presiding, the programme being sustained by Mary Mather, Margaret Lawson, the Robin Patrol, Cathie and Kate Lawson, Margaret Thomson, Ella Fraser, and Cathie Lawson.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Voter's Successful Claim** – “At a Voters' Registration Court for the Eastern Division of Fife, held in Cupar on Wednesday – Mr R.R. Purdom, registration officer presiding – Miss Annie Ness, Falkland, who kept house for her brother, and had two unfurnished rooms, was successful in her claim.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Fife Estates** – “Mrs Margaret Barnet Graham, or Greig, widow, Victoria Cottage, Falkland, left £1,591 12s 1d.”

13th March 1926

Notice in *The Fife News*: **Falkland Unionist Association** – “A Grand Whist Drive and Dance will be held in the Drill Hall, Falkland, on Thursday, 18th March 1926, at 7.30 prompt. A short address will be given by Mr Scrymgeour, Dundee. Tickets, 2s 6d each.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football – Scratch Side at Falkland** – “Freuchie Rovers and Lomond Vale met in a friendly match at Falkland on Saturday afternoon. The locals had out what was more or less a scratch team with the result the contest was both poor and one-sided. The Rovers, who won by 4 goals to nil, could, had they been inclined, have doubled the score.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Pulpit** – “The Rev. W.S. Anderson of Markinch occupied the U.F. Church pulpit at both morning and afternoon services on Sunday.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Song Lecture** – “Under the auspices of the Parish Church Women’s Guild, a song lecture on Scotland was given by the Rev. R.F.V. and Mrs Scott of Strathmiglo, in the Drill Hall on Thursday evening of last week. Rev. J.K. Russell presided over a large audience. Although the brilliant entertaining abilities of Mr and Mrs Scott have earned them an extensive reputation, this is the first occasion on which they have appeared in Falkland. Both the minister and his good lady gave excellent renderings of several Scottish songs, and the lecture of Mr Scott held the earnest and appreciative attention of the audience. Miss Mudie of Ladybank played the accompaniments.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Billiards** – “The ‘second strings’ of Falkland and Freuchie Institutes met in friendly combat at Falkland on Thursday of last week. The homesters ran out winners by 4 games to 2, and a points majority of 143. Scores:-

Falkland		Freuchie	
J. Lawson	87	J. Fleming	84
G. Baxter	78	W. Wilson	86
W. Strudley	113	R. Lawson	67
S. Drysdale	102	A. Livingstone	68
W. Ross	139	N. Fulton	58
J. McEwan	69	C. Davidson	82
	588		445

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Billiards** – “A Falkland team paid a visit to the Lumsden Memorial Hall, Freuchie, on Wednesday evening, and had to return home defeated by 139 points. Details:-

Freuchie		Falkland	
R. Lawson	109	W. Strudley	73

C. Davidson	99	W. Ross	33
W. Wilson	100	J. McEwan	57
A. Livingstone	82	J. Lawson	107
N. Fulton	85	J. Robertson	47
J. Fleming	73	S. Drysdale	92
	548		409

20th March 1926

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Billiards Final** – “The final of the annual tournament for the medal presented by Mrs T.D. Hopkins was played off at the Institute on Tuesday evening, when Provost Hopkins and Mr William Bartie were the contestants. After a stirring tussle, the former ran out winner by 5 points in a game of 150 up.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Billiards - Falkland ‘Second String’ Again Defeated** – “The return match between the first and second teams of Falkland Institute was played on Monday evening, when the senior side won every game. Scores:-

Seniors		Seconds	
C. Oram	100	J. Lawson	32
T. Drysdale	100	W. Ross	48
D. Clark	100	G. Baxter	65
W. Bartie	100	S. Drysdale	78
C.R. Drysdale	100	J. McEwan	42
R. Nellies	100	P. Robertson	73
	600		338

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Falkland Veteran Laid to Rest** – “The remains of the late Mr William Bruce, West Port, were interred in Falkland Cemetery on Sunday afternoon. There was a large concourse of people, including a full turnout of ex-Service men under the command of Major MacDonald. Rev. J.K. Russell conducted the services, both at the house and graveside. Mr John J. Ross sounded ‘The Last Post’ and ‘Reveille’ and Mr John Kay piped the ‘Lament’. The coffin was draped with the Union Jack. Deceased was born in Newton of Falkland in 1837, and after leaving school served his apprenticeship at weaving. In the 60’s he enlisted in the Royal Artillery, and took part in the early Hazara Campaign on the Indian frontier, for which he received medal, with clasp. He also saw service at the various stations of the Punjab and Central India, including Gwalior, Darjeeling, and Umbala. Proceeding home the remainder of his time with the Colours was spent in the Fortress Division of the Royal Artillery at various stations in England, Scotland and Wales. He was discharged in 1888, after 21 years’ service, and received the medal for long service and good conduct. Mr Bruce later worked in the warehouse of

Messrs Charles Jackson & Sons, linen manufacturers, for 20 years. He was of a retiring disposition, and was much respected by all who came in touch with him. Since his wife predeceased him ten years ago, Mr Bruce resided with his only son at West Port.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Masonic Dance** – “After a lapse of two years, the Masonic assembly of Lodge St John (No. 35) was resuscitated, and at the function, which was held in the Drill Hall on Friday of last week, there was a large company present. Music was supplied by ‘The Havana Four’, from Buckhaven. The arrangements were carried through in first-class order and the catering, which was attended to by a Committee of ladies, was all that could be desired. Delegates attended from Lodges Rothes, Leslie (No. 352); King Robert de Bruce, Ladybank (No. 304); Balgonie (No. 764); and B.O.A.F. Lomond Oak (No. 387). The duties of M.C.’s were discharged by Bros. Charles Oram and Harry Lee. The following is a list of acceptances:-

Misses B. and J. Anderson, Falkland; Miss L. Anderson, Westfield; Messrs and Miss Dewar, Lathrisk; Miss Traill, Falkland; Miss Brown, Westfield; Messrs and Miss Drysdale, Falkland; Mr and Miss Douglas, Falkland; Misses Grant, Falkland; Mr and Miss Hardie, Falkland; Mr and Misses Lawson, Falkland; Miss Cowan, Falkland; Mr and Miss Hay, Falkland; Miss J. Lawson, Falkland; Miss J. Nelson, Falkland; Miss H. Nelson, Falkland; Miss Kennedy, Falkland; Miss Middleton, Falkland; Miss Finlay, Falkland; Miss Fernie, Falkland; Miss Sturrock, Chancefield; Miss Baxter, Falkland; Miss Page, Falkland; Miss C. Drysdale, Falkland; Mr and Mrs Duff, Newton of Falkland; Mrs Dick, Newton of Falkland; Misses L. and C. Anderson, Luncarty; Miss Wallace, Channelhall; Misses Dryden, Newton of Falkland; Miss Ross, Falkland; Miss Duncan, Falkland; Mr and Mrs West, Falkland; Miss Thomson, Freuchie; Miss Dalrymple, Freuchie; Mr W. Peggie jnr., Falkland; Messrs A. Fox, A. Shepherd, J. MacDonald, A. Robertson and D. Braid, Freuchie; R. Swinton, Kennoway; Mr W. Birrell, Falkland; Messrs J. Dalrymple and M. Watt, Freuchie; Mr Robert Hopkins, Falkland; Mr John McEwan, Falkland; Mr James Reekie, Falkland; Mr John Lawson, Falkland; Mr John Campbell, Falkland; Mr Wilkie, Newton of Falkland; Mr Crichton, Freuchie; Mr A. Lindsay, Coaltown of Balgonie; Mr Aitken, Thornton; Mr T. Imrie, Falkland; Mr J. Abernethy, Falkland; Mr E. Borthwick, Aberdour; Messrs Beattie and Wilson, Freuchie; Bros. John and Mrs Garland; W. and Mrs Gullon; W. and Mrs Bartie; John and Mrs Drysdale; Charles and Mrs Hepburn; W. and Mrs Paterson; M. and Mrs Condie; T.C. Schofield; Charles Oram; Harry Lee; S. Brooman; and W. Hendry.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Social** – “The members of the Parish Church Bible class held their annual social meeting in the Liquorstane Temperance Hotel on

Tuesday evening. Rev. J.K. Russell presided over a large company. After a dainty tea, the time was spent in songs, games, and dancing. The following contributed towards the evening's entertainment:-

Misses H.S. Forsyth, M. Lawson, A. Oswald, J. Dewar, J. Drysdale, C. Peggie, A. Edmeston, and Messrs J.J. Ross, G. Anderson, T. Drysdale, and M. Stark.

A very happy time was spent.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death – Bruce** – “At West Port, Falkland, on the 12th March, William Bruce, late of the Royal Artillery, in his 89th year.”

27th March 1926

Article in *The Fife News*: **Falkland's Appeal** – “Falkland Lomond Vale found fault with a recent decision of the Cupar and District League in dismissing a protest against Freuchie Rovers as being informally lodged, the Falkland Club only forwarding 5s instead of the regulation 7s 6d.

A long letter was read from the Falkland Club complaining about the decision of the Cupar and District League, and intimating that the game had been stopped eight minutes from time, that the Cupar League had dismissed the case because only 5s had been sent, that they were a young Club and new to that League, and it was only afterwards that they learnt of the rule about the 7s 6d.

After the League delegates had retired, Mr F.S. Steel, Cupar, was called in, and on being asked if he had anything to say, at once drew the Committee's attention to the fact that he had received no verbatim copy of appeal. On being asked if a Falkland representative was at the meeting, he said he did not think Falkland was represented. The appeal was dismissed,, and the fee retained.

A letter was read from Mr J. McKinlay, detailing his expenses in going to Glasgow to forward his appeal. After a little discussion it was unanimously decided to refuse Mr McKinlay's request for payment.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football** – “A friendly match between Falkland Boys' Brigade and Newburgh Violet was played at the Myre on Saturday afternoon. Both sides took things rather easy, and the result was a goal apiece was a fair reflex of the run of play.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Whist Drive** – “Under the auspices of the local Unionist Association, a very successful whist drive was held in the Drill Hall on Thursday of last week. Over thirty tables were occupied, and Mr David Bonthronne acted as time-keeper. At an enjoyable dance which followed, music was supplied by Smart’s Band from Kingskettle, Mr J. Hay acting as M.C.”

3rd April 1926

Article in *The Fife News*: **Football - Falkland Fail in Second Half** – “Falkland Lomond Vale and Markinch Victoria Rangers met under Cupar and District League auspices at Falkland on Saturday afternoon. The first half exchanges were of a give-and-take nature, and the Rangers were a little lucky to be leading by one goal to nil. After the cross-over, however, things assumed a different aspect, and before long the locals found themselves five goals in arrears, the final score reading five goals to nil in favour of the visitors. Reflecting on the second half of the game, there was only one team in it, and that team was certainly not the Lomond Vale.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **The Churches** – “The Rev. R.F.V. Scott of Strathmiglo occupied the Parish Church pulpit on Sunday morning, and delivered an eloquent sermon. Both morning and afternoon services in the U.F. Church were conducted by Rev. J. Fraser Ross, of Dowanvale Church, Glasgow.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Scouts’ Church Parade** – “The local troops of Boy and Rover Scouts, under Scoutmaster Wallace, and headed by the Rover Scouts’ Pipe Band, attended the Parish Church on Sunday morning.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Lighting Improvement** – “Electric light has now been installed throughout the War Memorial Institute, and billiard players, in particular, are appreciating the improvement.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “There was a large turnout of members at the opening of the local course for the season on Saturday afternoon. Provost Hopkins, captain of the Club, declared the course open for play, and Mrs Hopkins, captain of the Ladies’ Club, drove off the first ball. Mixed foursomes were then played over 15 holes, Miss Jenny Drysdale and Mr James Ross being the winning couple with a score of 96. Details:-

Miss Drysdale and Mr J. Ross – 1 Mrs Hopkins and Mr C.R. Drysdale – 0

Miss Venters and Mr T.C. Schofield – 1 Miss Nelson and Mr G. Anderson – 0

Mrs Grainger and Provost Hopkins – 0 Miss Martyn and Mr Alex Hopkins – 1

Mrs Drysdale and Mr W. Peggie – 1 Miss Forsyth and Mr R. Kennedy – 0

Extract from *The Fife News: Cricket Club* – “The annual general meeting of the members of the local Cricket Club was held in the Town Hall on Wednesday evening, when there was a fair turnout. The financial statement showed the Club to be in a very satisfactory position. Office-bearers for the ensuing season were elected as follows:-

President – Mr David Bonthron; vice-Presidents – Messrs W.H. Dykes, Walter Peggie, and Provost Hopkins; Captain – Mr T.C. Schofield; vice-Captain – Mr Peter Lawson; Secretary – Mr C.R. Drysdale; Treasurer – Mr St Clair; Committee – Messrs A. Cowan, T. Grant, J. Lawson, P. Robertson, R. Hopkins, T. Drysdale, Captain, vice-Captain, and Secretary.

Some attractive fixtures have been arranged for the season, and Scroggie Park should be the scene of several stirring encounters. A list of the fixtures will appear later. Arrangements for the annual dance, which takes place in a fortnight, are well in hand.”



Falkland Town Hall Circa 1920's

Article in *The Fife News*: **East Fife Labour Candidate on Tour** – “On Tuesday ex-Provost Smart addressed meetings at Falkland and Auchtermuchty. Mr P. Cowan, who presided over a good gathering in Falkland Town Hall, said ex-Provost Smart was nearing the end of his introductory campaign, and felt rather bucked up at the response he had had all over the constituency.

Ex-Provost Smart said they were making no apology for contesting East Fife at the next election. That decision was the only one they could come to. He said all sorts of influence would be used against them. He had been told they could not win, but the real truth was they could not lose. The Liberals and Conservatives had something to lose, while Labour had something to gain. If they, between now and the next election, laid before the electors of East Fife the Labour policy quietly and sanely, as it could be suited, then he was certain that the prejudices and misunderstandings would be removed, and the workers, who composed 75 per cent of the electors of that constituency, would realise there was no hope for them in the other two parties. The present system was entirely wrong. Coal, the greatest asset this country had, was on the dole. To-day they were living on an explosive, and they never knew the minute it was going to go off, because their workers were infinitely better educated than they were 50 or 100 years ago, and were beginning to realise things should not be as they are. They were demanding a fairer share of the wealth which they themselves were producing, and they were saying these things cannot go on much longer; they must have a change. It was apparent to every one of them that the Liberal and Conservative parties had failed, were useless and hopeless for the workers to look to for any solution for themselves in the future. He criticised the money spent on the Singapore Base, and said there was nothing glorious in war; it was horrible beyond words. Yet they were preparing for another war. If they allowed the present parties to remain, there would be another war. The Labour party was out to build up a feeling of brotherliness and out and out disarmament. They would suggest to other countries that they should disarm, pool their resources and securities, and wipe out that monstrous expense for destruction, and he was quite sure the Labour party would work along those lines. He did not admire the Russian Government, it was a bad Government, but they should not isolate her; they should try to trade with her.

Mr T. Drysdale asked the candidate's views on the settlement of the American debt question.

Ex-Provost Smart said it did not matter what his views were now, for they had come to a fixed arrangement with America regarding the payment of the debt. At the same time he thought this country was rather premature in coming to an arrangement with America. The Labour party's idea, he thought, was right, and that was that all war debts should be wiped out, and that they all start afresh. However, they had given their word, their bond, that if America insisted on payment, then it was their duty to pay. (Applause).”

10th April 1926

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Service** – “Rev. A.H. Anderson, Auchtermuchty, conducted the afternoon service in the U.F. Church on Sunday.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Spring Holiday**: “Monday was observed as the annual spring holiday. Splendid weather prevailed, and many of the townsfolk took advantage of the reduced fares offered by the Railway Company.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Statistics** – “Falkland district registration statistics for the quarter ending 31st March 1926 are:-

12 births, 8 deaths, and 2 marriages, the figures for the corresponding quarter last year being 9 births, 10 deaths, and 1 marriage.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Local Man’s Appointment** – “Mr Alex. Bonthron, eldest son of Mr David Bonthron, of Newton of Falkland, leaves on Saturday to take up an appointment in London with Messrs Balfour, Williamson & Co., export merchants. Mr Bonthron has been educated at Dollar Academy and at Strathallan School, and is an all-round sportsman. He will probably proceed to the Colonies after training in London.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Billiards** – “Teams of Falkland and Kettle players met in a friendly match at Falkland War Memorial Institute on Thursday of last week. The local team secured an easy victory by four games to two, with a points majority of 170. Details:-

Falkland		Kettle	
C. Oram	100	J. Meldrum	82
D. Clark	100	A. Mitchell	72
R. Nellies	100	A.C. Smith	25
T. Drysdale	100	A. Scott	25
W. Bartie	84	R. Smith	100
C.R. Drysdale	90	W. Bernard	100
	574		404

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Boys' Reserves' Concert** – “The Boys' Reserves held a very successful concert in the Drill Hall, Falkland, those taking part being:-

Miss Mary Dall, Miss J. Morgan, Mr John Senior, and Mr James Balfour; Mr R. Allan, Freuchie; Mr P. Shields, Falkland.

A sketch entitled 'The Fairy Gifts' was given by the following:-

Peggy Hopkins, Jessie Dakers, Georgie Lawson, Janie Hopkins, Betty Grant, James Cowan, Willie Speake, Willie Skinner, Margaret Lawson, Andrew Dakers, Marjory Wemyss, J. and R. Smith.

Miss Forsyth and Mr R. Ness were accompanists. Rev. J.P. Batchelor, chaplain, presided. A dance followed.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Birth – Hardie** – “At Ryehill, Leslie, on 4th inst., to Mr and Mrs James S. Hardie, Rosedale, Falkland, a son.”

17th April 1926

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Visitors** – “There was a fair number of visitors in the district over the week-end.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Pulpit** – “Rev. W. Gemmill Mitchell, Freuchie, occupied the Parish Church pulpit on Sunday morning.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “The gentlemen's monthly medal competition was held on Saturday afternoon. Mr John Drysdale was the winner with a score of 83 less 8 – 75, while Mr Jas. Wallace (scr.) was runner-up with a score of 83.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Road Repairs** – “A considerable improvement is being effected on the road leading to Freuchie. For some time past, the surface of the road has been severely cut up, and the defects are now being remedied by a thick layer of tarred metal well rolled in.”

24th April 1926

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Ladies' Golf** – “With a score of 85 less 5 – 80, Miss Jenny Drysdale won the ladies' monthly medal competition on Saturday afternoon. Miss J. Venters was runner-up. Play was over 15 holes.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Sale of Work** – “Under the auspices of the U.F. Church Ladies' Work Party, a successful sale of work and cake and candy was held in the Church Hall on Saturday afternoon. Rev. J.P. Batchelor performed the opening ceremony, after which purchasers soon were busy round the various stalls and stocks thereon were early disposed of. The sum realised amounted to £26 11s 3d, which is to be devoted to church purposes. The stall-holders were as follows:-

Work Stall – Mrs Batchelor and Mrs W. Peggie.

Cake Stall – Mrs Dakers and Miss Horne.

Candy Stall – Misses J. Smith and A. Meldrum.

Tea Stall – Mrs Baird and assistants.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Dance** – “The local Cricket Club's annual dance was held in the Drill Hall on Friday of last week, when over forty couples were present. Excellent music was supplied by the MacDuff Orchestra from Auchtermuchty. The catering, which was all that could be desired, was under the charge of the ladies. Messrs Peter Lawson and C.R. Drysdale discharged the duties of M.C.'s. The following is a list of the acceptances:-

Ladies – Misses J. Anderson, A. Baxter, Mrs Bartie, Mrs Birrell, Misses G. Brown, A. Cowan, Mrs Campbell, Miss Caldwell, Auchtermuchty; Miss Chapman, Auchtermuchty; Misses J. Drysdale, M. Duncan, J. Dewar, B. Douglas, A. Edmeston, L. Finlay, H.S. Forsyth, E. Grant, R. Grant, Misses Gavin, Gorrie, E. Hay, Henderson, Thornton; E. Kennedy, Mary Lawson, Margaret Lawson, C. Lawson, J. Lawson, Miss Leitch, Kingskettle; Misses Leishman, Freuchie; Miss McKendrick, Auchtermuchty; Miss Mechie, Auchtermuchty; Misses J. Nelson, C. Peggie, L. Page, Miss Richardson, Miss Robertson, Freuchie; Miss Strang, Miss Taylor, Auchtermuchty.

Gentlemen – Messrs G. Anderson, A. Archibald, Markinch; P. Birrell, W. Birrell, G. Baxter, R. Bogie, Kirkforthar Feus; D. Braid, Freuchie; J. Brunton, Markinch; J. Campbell, A. Cowan, F. Coutts, W. Crichton, Freuchie; T. Drysdale, C.R. Drysdale, R.S. Drysdale, J. Dunvan, J. Dewar, J. Dalrymple, Freuchie; A. Fox, Freuchie; A. Gavin, J. Hay, R. Hopkins, P. Lawson, J. Lewis, J. Lawson, J. McEwan, J. Macdonald, Freuchie; M. Miller, Auchtermuchty; W. Morton, Drums; R. Mackie, Cupar; C. Oram, A. Paterson, W. Peggie, H. Robson, P. Robertson, D. Robertson,

A. Robertson, G. Robertson, Cupar; T.C. Schofield, M. St Clair, W. Strudley, Smart, A. Shepherd, Freuchie.”

1st May 1926

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf – Falkland Ladies beat Gents** – “A ladies versus gents match (bisque competition) was played over 15 holes of Falkland course on Saturday afternoon. The ladies made full use of their concession of 15 bisques, and ran out winners by 4 games to 3. Details:-

Ladies		Gents	
Miss J. Venters	1	G. Anderson	0
Miss H.S. Forsyth	0	J. Drysdale	1
Mrs Hopkins	0	A. Hopkins	1
Mrs Drysdale	0	C.R. Drysdale	1
Mrs Grainger	1	J.J. Ross	0
Miss Martyn	1	Provost Hopkins	0
Miss J. Nelson	1	D. Clark	0
	4		3

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf – Falkland Fall to Auchtermuchty** – “Falkland and Auchtermuchty teams met in the Fife Central League on Tuesday evening, when Auchtermuchty won by 6 games to 2. Details:-

At Falkland			
Falkland		Auchtermuchty	
G. Anderson	0	J.C. Forgan	1
G. Robertson	0	P.W. Cormack	1
J. Drysdale	0	C.W. Dow	1
A. Venters	0	T. Donaldson	1
	0		4
At Auchtermuchty			
J. Lindsay	1	Lex Bonthron	0
A. Wilson	0	J. Piper	1
J. Ross	0	J.H. Bell	1
T. Drysdale	1	E.R. White	0
	2		2

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Assembly Commissioner** – “At a meeting of Cupar Presbytery in Cupar on Tuesday, the Clerk (the Rev. H.Y. Arnott, Newburgh) reported that the Rev. Charles McMurray, Flisk, had resigned his appointment as one of the Commissioners of Assembly. The Rev. J.K. Russell, Falkland, was appointed.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Presentation** – “On the occasion of his marriage, Mr Thomas C. Schofield, chief clerk of the linen factory, was on Tuesday evening met by the employees, on behalf of whom Mr David Grant presented him with a beautiful cruet and case of silver tea spoons, etc., as a token of esteem. Mr Schofield suitably replied.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **District School Affairs** – “At the monthly meeting of Falkland District School Management Committee – Mr John Kirk presiding – the attendance reports showed all the schools in the district to have over 90 per cent., Freuchie leading with 94.3. A conference to formulate suggestions for the re-arrangement of S.M.C. powers is to be held at St Andrews on 8th May, and to this Bailie Robertson, Falkland, and Mr Muirhead, Strathmiglo, were appointed representatives. Suggestions were submitted from the various districts as to the continuation classes for next winter, and these were considered, and will be forwarded to the Authority. Monday, 24th May, is to be observed as Empire Day holiday.”

Article in *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Falkland** – “Falkland, with one exception, will be able to field the same strong team which did duty last year. Mr James Allan, who was of considerable service to Falkland, has taken over the office of Captain of the newly-formed Stratheden Club at Strathmiglo. The pitch at Scroggie Park has received every attention and is looking particularly attractive, and in better condition than ever it was before. The fixture list, so far as completed, is on the same lines as in former years, but three new matches have been arranged. These are with Ellanby (Dundee), Stratheden, and Auchterderran. Some of the younger members of the Club are keen to ‘win their spurs’ and several of them are very promising. Practice began on Monday, the players being anxious to get fit for the opening match tomorrow (Saturday) which should be something in the nature of a ‘local Derby’ for Freuchie supply the opposition at Scroggie Park.

There are three open dates in the following fixture list, and Mr C.R. Drysdale, High Street, Falkland, the secretary, is hopeful that these will yet be filled:-

Date	Team	Venue
May 1	Freuchie	Home
May 8	Open	-
May 15	Springfield	Away
May 22	Leven	Home
May 29	Kelty	Home
June 2	Freuchie	Away
June 5	Auchterderran	Away

June 12	Kelty	Away
June 17	Cupar 2 nd XI	Away
June 19	Ellanby (Dundee)	Home
June 24	Stratheden	Away
June 26	Springfield	Home
July 3	Open	-
July 7	Kennoway	Away
July 10	Cupar 2 nd XI	Home
July 15	Kennoway	Home
July 17	Ellanby	Home
July 24	Dunnikier	Away
July 31	Open	-
August 7	Dunnikier	Home
August 14	Stratheden	Home
August 21	Markinch	Away
August 28	Auchterderran	Home
Sept. 4	Markinch	Home

15th May 1926

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “Provost Hopkins (12) with a score of 82, won the monthly medal competition on Saturday afternoon. Mr Thomas Drysdale (4) was runner up with 85. Miss Jean Venters won the Ladies’ monthly medal competition on Saturday, 2nd May; Miss H.S. Forsyth was runner-up.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football** – “In a friendly match between the locals and a Kinross team played at Falkland on Saturday afternoon, the visitors were beaten by two goals to nil.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Store Meeting** – “The half-yearly meeting of the members of the Equitable Co-operative Society was held in the Town Hall on Tuesday, 4th May. Mr Thomas Jackson, chairman of the Society, presiding. Sales in the drapery department showed an increase of £100, while groceries were down £430 as compared with the previous six months. Various items on the balance sheet called for comment, and some lively passages took place. The amount to be paid out as dividend is £545 1s 9d, which gives 2s per £1 to members, and 1s per £1 to non-members. Messrs Daniel Riley and John Dryden were appointed to the Committee of Management.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Semi-Jubilee Presentations** – “An interesting ceremony took place in the Parish Church vestry on Saturday evening, when Rev.

J.K. Russell, on behalf of the congregation, presented Mr George Spence (Leslie), and Mr John Walker, church organist and officer respectively, each with a handsome easy chair on their completion of 25 years' service, while Mr George Robertson handed over a pair of beautiful flower vases each to Mrs Spence and Mrs Walker. In presenting the gifts, Mr Russell, in the course of his speech said: –

“Mr Spence we may take as belonging to Leslie throughout the week, and, at the week-end, to Falkland. He, twice a week, in fair or foul weather, has for 25 years cycled here, and, working that out at 28 miles per week for 40 Sundays in the year, it came to a distance of between 30,000 and 40,000 miles. Labour is to pray, with Mr Spence, and he must have done a good deal of hard praying; and, for the successful way in which he carried on the choir and Band of Hope, we can only look back on these days and say, ‘Well done’. Mr John Walker has been my right hand man since I came, and he is one of those men who face life with a smile. During 14 years of his labour – the time I have known him – he had a severe illness which laid him low for several months, but, thanks to a good constitution, he still faces life with a smile. We congratulate him on his completion of 25 years' service.”

In handing over the gifts to the ladies, Mr George Robertson said that as years went on, and the ladies looked at the flower vases and smelt the fragrance of the flowers, it would bring back the fragrant memory of their husbands' connection with the Parish Church of Falkland. Mr John Gibson and Mr John Drysdale also spoke. The inscriptions on the chairs were as follows:-

‘In appreciation of his services for 25 years, and as a token on their esteem, the congregation of Falkland Parish Church present this chair to Mr George W. Spence – 16th August 1925.’

‘In appreciation of his services for 25 years, and as a token of their esteem, the congregation of Falkland Parish Church present this chair to Mr John Walker – 6th April 1926.’”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Marriage – Schofield – Kennedy** – “At Elmlea, Falkland, on 28th April by the Rev. J.K. Russell, B.D., Thomas Charles to Emily Lister, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Kennedy, Elmlea, Falkland.”

22nd May 1926

Article in *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Exciting Finish at Springfield** – “Springfield had Falkland as their visitors on Saturday, and a fine game was played by both teams. The pitch was in first-class condition, and some keen cricket was witnessed by a goodly number of spectators. Falkland batted first and ran up the score of 118, the

principal scorers being P. Lawson, 49; C.R. Drysdale, 22; R. Hopkins, 18; and P. Robertson, 19.

Springfield replied with 104, of which J. Garland had 36; J. Lackie, 18; and S. Cameron, 12. Bowling for Springfield J. Garland had six wickets for 31 runs, and J. Lackie four for 39. For Falkland, P. Lawson had four for 37, and J. Lawson four for 29. Scores:-

Falkland	
C.R. Drysdale, c. and b. Lackie	22
T.C. Schofield, b. Garland	1
P. Lawson, c. W. Lackie, b. Garland	49
R. Hopkins, c. Arthur, b. Lackie	18
P. Robertson, b. Garland	19
J. Lawson, b. Garland	1
M. St Clair, c. and b. Garland	0
C. Baxter, c. Cameron, b. Lackie	0
W. Stark, c. Denholm, b. Lackie	1
S. Drysdale, not out	5
T. Shields, c. Litts, b. Garland	0
Extras	2
Total	118

Springfield	
T. Arthur, c. Schofield, b. J. Lawson	5
J. Lackie, c. P. Lawson, b. Drysdale	28
W. Glen, b. P. Lawson	2
W.D. Stewart, b. P. Lawson	0
J. Garland, b. M. St Clair	36
S. Cameron, b. J. Lawson	12
W. Stewart, lbw, b. J. Lawson	12
W. Denholm, c. P. Lawson, b. J. Lawson	0
W. Lackie, b. P. Lawson	0
W. Litts, not out	2
W. Scott, c. Drysdale, b. P. Lawson	1
Extras	6
Total	104

Article in *The Fife News*: **Golf – Falkland Fall Before Cupar** – “Cupar added another victory to their total in the Fife Central League on Thursday evening of last week, when they defeated Falkland by 7 matches to 1. Details:-

At Cupar			
Cupar		Falkland	
G.O.H. Grant	1	Baillie Robertson	0
D. Traill	1	T. Drysdale	0
A. Dowie	1	G. Ross	0

J. Burns	1	Provost Hopkins	0
	4		0
At Falkland			
Falkland		Cupar	
J. Lindsay	1	R.E. Mackie	0
G. Anderson	0	A.W. Douglas	1
J. Drysdale	0	W.J. Honeyman	1
A. Venters	0	J.B. Cruickshank	1
	1		3

Article in *The Fife News*: **Golf – Auchtermuchty Ladies v Falkland Ladies** – “A golf match between Auchtermuchty Ladies and the Falkland Ladies took place at Auchtermuchty on Saturday afternoon. The home Club secured the honours by winning six games to nothing. Scores:-

Auchtermuchty		Falkland	
Miss C. Dow	1	Miss Venters	0
Miss F. Bell	1	Miss J. Drysdale	0
Mrs W. Caldwell	1	Mrs H. Forsyth	0
Miss M. Lindsay	1	Mrs Hopkins	0
Mrs A. Whyte	1	Mrs Drysdale	0
Mrs J. Kerr	1	Mrs Granger	0
	6		0

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket** – “Falkland C.C. play their first home fixture tomorrow (Saturday), when Leven supply the opposition at Scroggie Park. The following team will represent the homesters:-

T.C. Schofield (Capt.), P. Lawson, C.R. Drysdale, P. Robertson, R. Hopkins, M. St Clair, J. Ross, G. Baxter, R.S. Drysdale, J. Lawson, and T. Shields.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Presentation** – “Mr Thomas C. Schofield, who has officiated as Secretary of the War Memorial Institute since its inception, about seven years ago, was met by the Management Committee and presented with a handsome barometer on the occasion of his marriage. Mr Walter Peggie handed over the gift, and Mr Schofield suitably replied.”

Advert in *The Fife News*: **House-Tablemaid** – “Experienced, for 28th May. Apply Mrs Shanks, Falkland Wood, Falkland.”

29th May 1926

Article in *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Falkland Win on the Tape** – “Under ideal weather conditions, on a first-class wicket, Leven and Falkland met on Saturday. The visitors won the toss and put the homesters to bat. Drysdale and Schofield opened against the bowling of Corstorphine and Chalmers. Schofield was out first ball to the latter, and P. Lawson, after notching a single was caught at point. Hopkins, who followed, after scoring 1 was caught and bowled. Drysdale also fell a victim to Corstorphine by mishitting to leg. With four wickets down for 8 runs, matters were certainly anything but rosy. It was left to Peter Robertson to put a different complexion on the game, and right merrily did he do so with the support of J. Lawson and St Clair. In his contribution of 23 he had five successive boundaries. The remaining four batsmen gathered 13 runs, and the innings closed for 61.

Leven opened with Meikle and Chalmers against the trundling of P. and J. Lawson. It was soon evident that the batsmen were in difficulties, and not until Bousie and Corstorphine were together did they settle. This pair between them collected 39 runs. P. Lawson, however, split the partnership, and soon afterwards by magnificent bowling registered the ‘hat trick’. He dismissed Bousie, Patterson and Lindsay in succession. The following batsmen gave little trouble, and the homesters ran out winners of an exciting tussle by six runs.

Bowling for Leven, Corstorphine had six wickets for 26 runs, and Chalmers three for 23. For Falkland, P. Lawson had seven for 29, and J. Lawson two for 17. Scores:-

Falkland

C.R. Drysdale, c. Williamson, b. Corstorphine	1
T.C. Schofield, b. Chalmers	0
P. Lawson, c. Hutton, b. Corstorphine	1
R. Hopkins, c. and b. Corstorphine	1
P. Robertson, b. Corstorphine	23
J. Lawson, b. Corstorphine	9
M. St Clair, c. Battes, b. Smith	10
R.S. Drysdale, lbw, b. Corstorphine	2
J. Ross, b. Chalmers	6
G. Baxter, c. Corstorphine, b. Chalmers	4
T. Shields, not out	1
Extras	3
Total	61

Leven

G. Meikle, b. P. Lawson	2
A. Chalmers, lbw, b. J. Lawson	3
J.C. Hutton, b. P. Lawson	1
W. Bousie, c. and b. P. Lawson	20
J. Currie, lbw, b. J. Lawson	0
J.G. Corstorphine, b. P. Lawson	19
J. Smith, b. Baxter, b. P. Lawson	6

<i>R. Battes, not out</i>	2
<i>R. Patterson, b. P. Lawson</i>	0
<i>J. Lindsay, c. S. Drysdale, b. P. Lawson</i>	0
<i>D.B. Williamson, c. Baxter, b. Ross</i>	2
Total	55

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Parish Church** – *The Rev. Mr Ritchie of Milnathort conducted the morning service in the Parish Church on Sunday.*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Fine** – *“Ian McCaig, motor driver, residing c/o Skinner, South Street, Falkland, was fined £1, at Cupar Sheriff Court on Tuesday, for driving a motor lorry without lights.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – *“With a score of 80, Mr James Wallace won the annual scratch medal competition. Mr George Anderson was runner-up with 84. Play was over 18 holes.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket Teas** – *“The teas at the match between Falkland and Leven on Saturday afternoon were kindly provided by Thomas C. Schofield, captain of the Club.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Aiding the Miners** – *“On Saturday afternoon a brass band, followed by a fancy dress procession, from Leslie, paraded through the village. A collection, taken on behalf of the miners’ wives and children, was generously responded to by the townsfolk.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Weather** – *“During the past week the weather has been first class for which sportsmen especially were thankful. The surrounding countryside is looking beautiful.”*

5th June 1926

Article in *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Falkland v Freuchie** – *“At Freuchie on Wednesday evening. Bowling for Freuchie, G. Allan had two wickets for 5 runs, and D. Duncan four for 18. For Falkland, P. Robertson had four for 29. Scores:-*

Falkland

C.R. Drysdale, b. Duncan	7
P. Lawson, c. Lindsay, b. Croall	0
T. Schofield, b. Duncan	1
J. Drysdale, b. Duncan	11
P. Robertson, c. Livingstone, b. Duncan	13
A. Hopkins, c. Lindsay, b. Dalrymple	14
G. Baxter, b. Dalrymple	1
S. Drysdale, b. Allan	0
J. Lawson, not out	1
M. Robertson, c. Duncan, b. Allan	5
H. Birrell, run out	2
Extras	2
Total	57

Freuchie

D. Duncan, c. T. Drysdale, b. J. Lawson	1
A. Grant, lbw, b. P. Lawson	0
J. Dalrymple, c. J. Lawson, b. Birrell	10
J. Lindsay, c. Drysdale, b. M. Robertson	58
J. Fleming, c. Drysdale, b. P. Lawson	13
K. Beveridge, c. Schofield, b. P. Lawson	22
E. Croall, c. P. Lawson, b. P. Robertson	6
A. Livingstone, c. P. Lawson, b. P. Robertson	1
G. Allan, c. P. Lawson, b. P. Robertson	0
D. Smart, c. and b. P. Robertson	10
A. Henderson, not out	2
Extras	4
Total	127

Article in *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Falkland’s First Defeat** – “Kelty were the visitors at Scroggie Park, Falkland, on Saturday afternoon. The homesters batted first on an easy wicket, but with exception of P. Robertson and Schofield, could do little against the bowling of Reid and Bain. The innings closed for a meagre total of 58.

The opening Kelty batsmen found themselves in a similar predicament to Falkland against the trundling of P. Lawson, five wickets being down for 14. Gray and Johnston, however, put a different complexion on matters, although the latter might have been snapped at the wicket before opening his account. The last man was out at 70, and thus the burgh team suffered their first defeat by 12 runs.

Bowling for Kelty, Reid claimed five wickets for 24 runs, Pryde two for 0, and Bain two for 21. For the locals, P. Lawson had five for 19, and J. Lawson two for 19.

Scores:-

Falkland

C.R. Drysdale, c. Martin, b. Bain	2
P. Lawson, b. Reid	4

R. Hopkins, b. Reid	3
M. St Clair, b. Reid	0
P. Robertson, run out	24
T. Drysdale, b. Reid	2
J. Lawson, b. Bain	0
M. Robertson, b. Reid	1
T.C. Schofield, b. Pryde	12
R.S. Drysdale, lbw., b. Pryde	1
G. Baxter, not out	2
Extras	7
Total	58

Kelty

T. Anderson, b. P. Lawson	2
N. Forrester, b. J. Lawson	6
T. Bain, lbw., b. J. Lawson	3
J. Burt, c. M. Robertson, b. P. Lawson	0
R. Reid, run out	0
A. Gray, b. C.R. Drysdale	10
P. Johnston, b. P. Lawson	18
T. Hunter, lbw., b. P. Lawson	9
J. Martin, not out	5
A. Pryde, run out	5
A. Urquhart, c. Schofield, b. P. Lawson	3
Extras	9
Total	70

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Pulpit** – “Rev. J. Robertson Macgregor of Leslie occupied the Parish Church pulpit on Sunday morning and delivered an eloquent sermon.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Scout Church Parade** – “The local troops of Boy and Rover Scouts, under Scoutmaster Wallace, and headed by the Rover Scout Pipe Band, attended divine worship in the Parish Church on Sunday morning.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “A mixed foursomes competition was played on Saturday afternoon, when Miss H.S. Forsyth and Mr Alex. Hopkins were the winners. Miss Jenny Drysdale and Provost Hopkins were runners-up. Play was over 18 holes.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death – Shand** – “At a Nursing Home, Edinburgh, on 1st June, Dr William H. Shand, Canonbury, Falkland, second and only surviving son of the late Dr Shand, Kirkcudbright.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death of Dr Shand** – “It was with regret that inhabitants learned of the death at a nursing home in Edinburgh on Tuesday of Dr William H. Shand, Canonbury, Falkland. Dr Shand, who was a man between 60 and 70 years of age, had only been ill for a week or two. He was the second and only surviving son of the late Dr Shand, Kirkcudbright, and was educated at Edinburgh. In his youthful days, he was a keen sportsman, being an outstanding rugby player and captain of his school team. For some time he was resident in India, and came to Falkland in 1919 from Northumberland, where he had been in practice. He built up a big connection in Falkland and district, and his genial personality earned for him many friends. Although he took no active part in the public life of the community, he was intensely interested in its welfare. He was a keen follower of the local Cricket Club’s doings, and an honorary member. The funeral took place to St Cuthbert’s Churchyard, Kirkcudbright, on Thursday.”

12th June 1926

Announcement in *The Fife News*: **Falkland Annual Games and Market** – “Saturday, 19th June. Open Events – One Mile Flat Race, Half-Mile Flat Race, 100 Yards Sprint, 1 Mile Cycle Race, 220 Yards Race. Balgonie Prize Band in Attendance. Dancing – 6pm to 10pm. Secy. P. Robertson.”

Article in *The Fife News*: **Cricket – ‘Fireworks’ by Falkland’s Vice-Captain** – “Falkland gained an overwhelming victory on Saturday at Auchterderran, thanks to a brilliant contribution of 101 not out by Peter Lawson, the vice-captain. His century, which included twelve 4’s and two 6’s, was compiled in about an hour and a quarter.

The homesters batted first on a splendid wicket, and ran up a total of 68. Nicholson and Hodge were the only batsmen to give any trouble, each having 16.

Falkland opened with C. Drysdale and Baxter, and runs came at a fair pace. It was when Lawson came in that the spectators were treated to a display of fireworks, and Auchterderran’s total was passed with three wickets down. The vice-captain gave an excellent display, his driving and leg-hitting being first-class. The game was concluded with the Falkland score standing at 167 for 9 wickets.

Bowling for the visitors, P. Lawson captured five wickets for 23 runs, and St Clair three for 19. For Auchterderran, Nicholson had three for 47, Dick three for 29, and Cuthbert two for 34. Scores:-

Auchterderran

A. Crichton, c. Cowan, b. P. Lawson 5

<i>W. Splitt, run out</i>	4
<i>W. Dick, b. P. Lawson</i>	5
<i>A. Nicholson, b. St Clair</i>	16
<i>F. Page, b. H. Birrell</i>	5
<i>J. Hodge, b. P. Lawson</i>	16
<i>F. Cuthbert, c. and b. St Clair</i>	4
<i>W. Pearson, b. St Clair</i>	1
<i>R. Paterson, b. P. Lawson</i>	4
<i>J. Philip, b. P. Lawson</i>	0
<i>J. Whitside, not out</i>	2
<i>Extras</i>	6
Total	68

Falkland

<i>C.R. Drysdale, b. Nicholson</i>	10
<i>G. Baxter, b. Dick</i>	11
<i>R. Hopkins, b. Nicholson</i>	8
<i>P. Lawson, not out</i>	101
<i>W. Stark, b. Cuthbert</i>	11
<i>H. Birrell, b. Cuthbert</i>	5
<i>T. Drysdale, b. Nicholson</i>	0
<i>R.S. Drysdale, b. Cuthbert</i>	9
<i>J. Lawson, b. Dick</i>	9
<i>A. Cowan, b. Dick</i>	0
<i>M St Clair, did not bat</i>	
<i>Extras</i>	3
Total	167

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “Miss Jean Venters, with a score of 92 minus 6 – 86, won the ladies’ monthly medal competition last Friday evening. Mrs Drysdale was runner-up. Play was over 15 holes.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **U.F. Church** – “In the absence of the Rev. J.P. Batchelor, who is at present on holiday, Rev. J.H. Bell of Auchtermuchty conducted the morning and afternoon services in the U.F. Church on Sunday.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Concert** – “The ‘Jovial Jesters’ concert party gave a concert at the Fountain on Monday evening. There was a good attendance.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **The Late Dr Shand** – “We are indebted to the Rev. A. Pender Crichton, B.D., Glasgow, for the following additional information about the late Dr William H. Shand:-

Last week there passed away in a Nursing Home in Edinburgh after a serious operation, Dr William Hannay Shand, who has been in practice in Falkland for the last seven years and was greatly esteemed in the district. He was a native of Kirkcudbright, where his father, a distinguished physician of his time and former Dean of the Faculty of Physicians, was for many years Provost. As a young man, Dr Shand spent many years in the East, and was the author of several valuable monographs on Eastern diseases. Before coming to Falkland, he was in practice in Bonchester and Colmonell. Of a gentle and kindly nature, the deceased doctor made friends wherever he went, and in the south country he was much in demand as a consultant. He is survived by his widow, for whom much sympathy is felt in the district."

19th June 1926

Advert in *The Fife News*: **For Sale** – “Dovecot House, Steading and Land. Land extends to 18 acres or thereby. Suitable for poultry, etc. Excellent main road frontage and building sites. Particulars from Anderson and St Clair, Solicitors, Falkland, who will receive offers up to 29th June.”



Dovecot House (on right)

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Fishing** – “Fishing on Loch Leven on Thursday evening of last week, Mr Jackson, Falkland, had 15 trout weighing 12lb.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “The monthly medal competition was won by Mr George Anderson Jnr., with a score of 93 minus 18 – 75. Mr Wm. Bartie was runner-up. Play was over 18 holes.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket** – “Last Saturday’s match between Kelty and Falkland, which was to have been played at Kelty, was called off owing to the inclemency of the weather.”

Article in *The Fife News*: **Golf – Falkland Ladies Defeated at Home** – “Teams representing Kinghorn and Falkland Ladies Clubs met in a match over 18 holes on Falkland course on Tuesday evening, when the visitors won by 4 games to 2. Results:-

Falkland		Kinghorn	
Miss J. Drysdale	0	Miss Simpson	1
Miss J. Venters	1	Mrs Earlie	0
Miss H. Forsyth	1	Miss Gibson	0
Mrs Hopkins	0	Miss Wigg	1
Mrs Drysdale	0	Miss Hogg	1
Miss J. Nelson	0	Miss Henderson	1
	2		4

26th June 1926

Article in *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Cupar 2nd XI v Falkland** – “This match at Cupar finished at twenty minutes to ten on Thursday night of last week. It was a fine display of keen cricket, and finished a tie – a fair reflection of the team’s strength. It was said that the game would have been continued to midnight to effect a finish if necessary!

Bowling for Falkland P. Robertson had three wickets for 10 runs. For Cupar A. Porter had four for 11. Scores:-

Cupar	
T. Smart, lbw., b. J. Lawson	20
L. Rollo, lbw., b. P. Lawson	0
A. Wilkie, b. J. Lawson	15
A. Porter, b. Birrell	18
G. Reid, b. P. Robertson	30
R. Mason, c. Ross, b. P. Robertson	6
R. Dryburgh, c. Hopkins, b. P. Lawson	0
D. Lawson, lbw., b. Robertson	0

D. Porter, lbw., b. Robertson	0
D. Hastie, not out	3
L. Carver, not out	10
Extras	2
Total	104

Falkland

C.R. Drysdale, c. Reid, b. Mason	5
G. Baxter, b. Mason	14
T. Schofield, b. Mason	3
P. Lawson, b. Dryburgh	17
P. Robertson, b. Porter	12
R. Hopkins, b. Porter	6
J. Lawson, b. Porter	4
S. Drysdale, b. Wilkie	4
M. St Clair, b. Lawson	7
H. Birrell, not out	14
J. Ross, c. Smart, b. Lawson	1
Extras	17
Total	104

Article in *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Falkland v R.G. Brown’s Cupar XI** – “In spite of every kind of weather, from brilliant sunshine to rain and a hailstorm, an enjoyable match was witnessed at Scroggie Park, Falkland, on Wednesday night, when the homesters gave a Cupar XI a thorough thrashing.

For Falkland, Drysdale opened with as pretty a leg stroke as it to be seen in the best of Scottish cricket circles, and his whole innings was one of good play. Lawson and Robertson were the swipers. They believe in the bright game, and the bowling of such masters as W.C. Coulter and J.O. Ramsay seemed as easy to them as Innes’s slows. The score stood at 79 for 4 when Lumsden struck a good patch and claimed the ‘hat trick’, finishing with the fine analysis of five wickets for 7 runs. The side was dispersed for 92.

Lawson and Birrell were too deadly for the Cupar men. Bonthron lost his wicket by a smart throw in, but Whyte and Innes fell feebly to Birrell. Four wickets had fallen for 12 when Lumsden and Edmond showed backbone, and added 23. Ramsay swung to advantage and hit up 15. When he left, the Falkland bowlers, and particularly Schofield, made short work of the ‘rabbits’, and won by 35. J. Lawson took three for 13, H. Birrell two for 8, P. Lawson two for 14, and Schofield two for 0.

The Falkland men entertained the visitors to a delightful supper in the Bruce Arms after the match. Scores:-

Falkland

C.R. Drysdale, c. and b. Coulter	10
G. Baxter, b. Ramsay	2

<i>P. Lawson, c. Lumsden, b. Kirkcaldy</i>	33
<i>P. Robertson, b. Lumsden</i>	25
<i>S. Drysdale, not out</i>	12
<i>I.O. Schofield, b. Lumsden</i>	0
<i>J. Lawson, b. Lumsden</i>	3
<i>H. Birrell, c. Innes, b. Lumsden</i>	0
<i>P. Birrell, c. Innes, b. Kirkcaldy</i>	1
<i>G. Anderson, c. Whyte, b. Lumsden</i>	3
<i>M. Robertson, b. Lumsden</i>	1
<i>Extras</i>	3
Total	93

R.G. Brown's XI

<i>W.C. Coulter, b. H. Birrell</i>	8
<i>D. Bonthron, run out</i>	1
<i>D. Whyte, lbw., b. Birrell</i>	1
<i>W.G. Innes, c. Drysdale, b. J. Lawson</i>	1
<i>A.A. Lumsden, c. Baxter, b. Schofield</i>	18
<i>C.C. Edmond, b. J. Lawson</i>	10
<i>J.O. Ramsay, c. and b. J. Lawson</i>	15
<i>H.M. Kirkcaldy, b. P. Lawson</i>	2
<i>R.N. Robertson, not out</i>	1
<i>W.S. Birrell, b. Schofield</i>	0
<i>R.G. Brown, b. P. Lawson</i>	0
<i>Extras</i>	1
Total	58

Article in *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Falkland v Ellanby (Dundee)** – “At Scroggie Park, Falkland, on Saturday afternoon. Despite adverse weather conditions and counter attractions, this match drew a fair number of spectators, and was pleasantly and keenly contested. The visitors batted first and ran up a total of 49, to which L.R. Greig was chief contributor with 16.

Falkland replied with 54 for 8 wickets. A partnership between R. Hopkins and S. Drysdale realising over 30 runs, was the means of victory coming the way of the homesters.

Bowling for Falkland, J. Lawson claimed four wickets for 7 runs, and P. Lawson three for 16. For the Dundonians, Greig had four for 19, Buckenham two for 15, and Peden two for 6. Scores:-

Ellanby

<i>E.C. Buckenham, c. Ross, b. P. Lawson</i>	3
<i>R.J. Foggie, c. J. Lawson, b. P. Lawson</i>	8
<i>L.R. Greig, c. and b. P. Lawson</i>	16
<i>A.W. Foggie, b. J. Lawson</i>	6
<i>C.M. Peden, b. J. Lawson</i>	1
<i>T.T. Robertson, lbw., b. J. Lawson</i>	0

<i>E.C. McCallum, b. Robertson</i>	2
<i>N.H. Millar, b. J. Lawson</i>	0
<i>R.T. Stewart, not out</i>	7
<i>T.J. Wishart, lbw., b. Birrell</i>	2
<i>J. Collie, run out</i>	3
<i>Extras</i>	1
Total	49

Falkland

<i>G. Baxter, b. Greig</i>	4
<i>P. Lawson, c. A. Foggie, b. Greig</i>	2
<i>C.R. Drysdale, c. Collie, b. Greig</i>	0
<i>P. Robertson, b. Buckenham</i>	4
<i>T.C. Schofield, b. Peden</i>	1
<i>R. Hopkins, not out</i>	26
<i>H. Birrell, b. Buckenham</i>	2
<i>R.S. Drysdale, lbw., b. Greig</i>	10
<i>J. Lawson, b. Peden</i>	1
<i>M. St Clair and J. Ross did not bat</i>	
<i>Extras</i>	4
Total for 8 wickets	54

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Pulpit** – “Rev. Mr Lutz of Dumbarton occupied the Parish Church pulpit on Sunday morning and Rev. Mr Locke of Edinburgh officiated at both diets of worship in the U.F. Church.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “The ladies’ annual rose bowl competition was won last Saturday afternoon by Miss Jenny Drysdale with a score of 114 minus 6 – 108. Miss Jean Nelson was runner-up with 131 minus 18 – 113. Play was over 18 holes.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **School Success** – “In the recent scholarship examination at Sedburgh School, Yorks., the Moodie Exhibition was awarded to J.C. Donaldson, Seafield House Preparatory School, Broughty Ferry (headmaster, Mr Oswald P. Arton). Mr Donaldson is a son of the late Captain Donaldson, 1/7th Black Watch, who was bank agent in Falkland. The family left the burgh some years ago.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Market and Games** – “Falkland annual market and games were held in the Myre on Saturday afternoon in the presence of a large company of spectators. Rain was falling at the commencement, but gradually cleared away. All the events were carried through without a hitch. Balgonie Colliery Prize Band discoursed musical selections during the afternoon, and also

accompanied the dancing in the evening. Mr J. Kay's Balmoral troupe of dancers also gave a pleasing display. The results in the various sports were as follows:-

Local events:

Married ladies' race – 1. Mrs Speake, 2. Mrs Bett, 3. Mrs Carswell.

Married men's race – 1. J. Myles, 2. J. Morgan, 3. R. Dall.

Single ladies' race – 1. Miss J. Nichol, 2. Miss L. Page, 3. Miss Mather.

Single men's race – 1. R. Kennedy, 2. T. Shields, 3. J. McEwan.

Old ladies' race – 1. Mrs Lawson, 2. Mrs White, 3. Mrs Eddie.

Old men's race – 1. R. Strachan, 2. P. Lawson, 3. P. Baxter.

Girls race ages 12 to 14 – 1. Ina Lawson, 2. M. McBain, 3. K. Lawson.

Girls race ages 10 to 12 – 1. M. Bryce, 2. M. Baxter, 3. J. Finlay.

Girls race ages 8 to 10 – 1. G. Lawson, 2. J. Hopkins, 3. M. Douglas.

Girls race ages 6 to 8 – 1. S. Duff, 2 & 3 (tie) E. Abernethy and J. Speake.

Girls race ages 4 to 6 – 1. G. Baldie, 2. J. Gibb, 3. M. White.

Boys race ages 12 to 14 – 1. R. Stark, 2. G. Finlay, 3. J. Baxter.

Boys race ages 10 to 12 – 1. J. Lawson, 2. J. Walker, 3. J. Paterson.

Boys race ages 8 to 10 – 1. W. Simpson, 2. J. Bett, 3. J. Scott, 4. K. Drysdale.

Boys race ages 6 to 8 – 1. J. White, 2. S. McEwan, 3. G. Brown.

Boys race ages 4 to 6 – 1. D. Robertson, 2. E. Burgess, 3. R. Nellies.

Open events:

One mile flat race handicap – 1. Wm. Robertson, Markinch; 2. J. Robertson, Ladybank; 3. J. Anderson, Newton of Lathrisk.

Half mile flat race handicap – 1. T. Carswell, Falkland; 2. J. Robertson, Ladybank; 3. J. Welsh, Wemyss.

100 yards flat race handicap – 1. R. Craig, Coaltown of Balgonie; 2. T. Carswell, Falkland; 3. G. Swan, Coaltown of Balgonie.

One mile cycle race handicap – 1. T. Ferguson, Auchtermuchty; 2. A. Leitch, Collessie; 3. R. Reid, Milnathort.

220 yards flat race handicap – 1. J. Mackie, Markinch; 2. G. Swan, Coaltown of Balgonie; 3. J. Penman, Leslie.”

Article in *The Fife News*: **Golf – Falkland Ladies Win** – “Teams of six players a side, representing Markinch and Falkland, met in a match over the Falkland Course on Tuesday evening, when the homesters won by four games to two. This is the first occasion, for several years, on which the local ladies have been victorious in match play. Details:-

Falkland		Markinch	
Miss J. Drysdale	0	Miss White	1
Miss J. Venters	1	Miss Gould	0
Miss H. Forsyth	1	Miss Cargill	0
Mrs Drysdale	1	Miss C. White	0
Miss J. Nelson	1	Miss Cochrane	0
Miss Martyn	0	Miss Ford	1
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Article in *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Falkland Fall to Springfield** – “Bad fielding was chiefly responsible for Falkland’s downfall on Saturday afternoon at home against Springfield. Several catches were missed, and many runs were needlessly given away. Springfield batting first ran up a total of 124, to which Duncan, Donaldson, Garland and Stewart – the second last named being undefeated – all contributed double figures. The partnership between the latter pair realised over 40 runs.

The locals were disposed of rather easily for 46. Robertson was the only player to bat with confidence, he having 15. Lawson and Hopkins, two of the Club’s stalwarts, failed to open their accounts.

Bowling for Falkland, J. Lawson secured four wickets for 41 runs, Schofield two for 6, Robertson two for 16, and P. Lawson two for 32. For the visitors, Garland had six for 20, and Stewart four for 25. Scores:-

Springfield		
R. Duncan, c. S. Drysdale, b. J. Lawson		14
A. Donaldson, b. Robertson		18
J. Lackie, c. P. Lawson, b. Schofield		9
T. Arthur, b. Schofield		0
W. McDougall, st. Baxter, b. P. Lawson		5
J. Mair, c. Hopkins, b. Robertson		2
J. Garland, not out		30
S. Cameron, st. Baxter, b. J. Lawson		4

W.D. Stewart, b. J. Lawson	30
W. Glen, c. T. Drysdale, b. P. Lawson	0
W. Stewart, c. C.R. Drysdale, b. J. Lawson	4
Extras	8
Total	124

Falkland

C.R. Drysdale, b. Garland	8
G. Baxter, b. Garland	9
P. Robertson, c. Garland, b. W.D. Stewart	15
P. Lawson, b. Garland	0
R.S. Drysdale, c. Mair, b. Stewart	3
R. Hopkins, b. Garland	0
T.C. Schofield, b. Stewart	3
H. Birrell, b. Stewart	0
T. Drysdale, b. Garland	4
J. Lawson, not out	0
W. Stark, b. Garland	3
Extras	1
Total	46

Article in *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Falkland Bowler’s Feat at Strathmiglo –**
“Stratheden’s near neighbours, Falkland, were the visitors at the Public Park, Strathmiglo, on Thursday evening last week, in excellent weather. This match is looked on as the ‘Derby’ in upper Stratheden, and the men from the Royal Burgh had a good following of supporters. Considering the exciting tussle that resulted, there are some local fans who will regret having missed it. There had been a spate of matches, Stratheden having fulfilled no fewer than five engagements in eight days. A remark heard after the match, that the local Club should ‘bill’ their engagements, should only need to be mentioned to be acted upon by the local officials.

The match was a series of thrills from the beginning. R.G. Thomson, W. Bewick and J.E. Thomson, the last mentioned by a brilliant catch by Drysdale from his first ball, were all out for 7 runs. D.H. Thomson and Captain J.S. Allan, the latter carrying his bat, however, stiffened up the side and five of the local wickets were down when 30 went up. Another 8 runs cost two further stumps, the remaining two going for 10 runs, with a total for the locals of 48.

Falkland’s chances of a victory were rosy, and the visitors’ carrier pigeons set out for home with the tidings. It has been asked why the pigeon’s mate was not liberated at the close! J. Lawson, a young bowler, had all the home wickets, a fine performance, his analysis reading, 10 wickets for 28. The others were P. Lawson, 0 for 10, and H. Birrell, 0 for 10.

If the homesters dismissal was sensational, the visitors was doubly so. J.L. Wilson had six wickets for 11 and J.S. Allan three for 5, 10.6 overs being all that were

necessary to dismiss the Falkland side for 16 runs. The fall of wickets is worth recording:-

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
0	0	0	1	4	7	8	13	14	16

J.S. Allan, the home Captain, had the satisfaction of topping his old Club's total by two runs off his own bat, and he along with D.H. Thomson, were the only players of the twenty-two to reach double figures. Scores:-

Stratheden

R.G. Thomson, b. J. Lawson	2
D.H. Thomson, c. Drysdale, b. J. Lawson	11
J.E. Thomson, c. Drysdale, b. J. Lawson	0
W. Bewick, b. J. Lawson	0
J.S. Allan, not out	19
R.F.V. Scott, b. J. Lawson	3
J.L. Wilson, b. J. Lawson	3
J. Heggie, c. and b. J. Lawson	1
W. Chapman, st. Baxter, b. J. Lawson	9
R. Buchanan, b. J. Lawson	0
D. Reid, b. J. Lawson	0
Total	48

Falkland

C. Drysdale, c. Bewick, b. Wilson	0
G. Baxter, b. Wilson	0
P. Lawson, run out	0
P. Gillespie, b. Wilson	5
P. Robertson, b. Allan	1
R. Hopkins, b. Wilson	2
G. Drysdale, b. Allan	2
T. Drysdale, c. and b. Wilson	1
J. Lawson, b. Wilson	4
H. Birrell, b. Allan	0
T. Schofield, not out	1
Total	16

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Services** – “On Sunday, Mr Anderson, Portobello, officiated at both morning and afternoon services in the U.F. Church.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Awards to Pupils** – “Prizes for the successful Sunday School scholars during the session just closed were distributed in the Parish Church on Sunday at the close of the morning service. The prizes, which took the form of books, were handed over by Misses J. Anderson and J. Lister.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Sunday School Pic-nic** – “The Parish Church Sunday School annual pic-nic was held on Saturday afternoon. The children, along with their parents and friends, journeyed to Scroggie Park, in the beautiful grounds of Falkland estate, and a very happy time was spent.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **S.M.C. and Centralisation** – “At the monthly meeting of Falkland District School Management Committee, held in Falkland School – Mr Kirk, Gateside, in the chair – attention was drawn to the fact that the Higher Education Committee of the Authority had classified as urgent the erection of classrooms at Auchtermuchty for the proposed centralisation there of Advanced Division pupils. The opinion was expressed that this was premature, as no scheme for such had yet been submitted for approval, as promised to the S.M.C. The matter was allowed to drop on the suggestion of the Chairman that it had possibly been dealt with by the Works Committee.”

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Article in *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Falkland v Howe of Fife Rugby XII** – “At Falkland on Tuesday evening. Bowling for Howe, Duncan claimed five wickets for 1 run; Lindsay two for 2; Porter two for 21; and Stewart two for 21. For Falkland, P. Lawson had four for 39; J. Lawson two for 33; Schofield two for 6; and Birrell one for 1. Scores:-

Falkland	
C.R. Drysdale, c. Stewart, b. Porter	0
G. Baxter, c. L. Bonthron, b. Porter	13
T.C. Schofield, b. Stewart	2
P. Robertson, b. Stewart	12
P. Lawson, c. and b. Duncan	12
T. Drysdale, b. Duncan	3
S. Drysdale, b. Duncan	0
H. Birrell, b. Duncan	1
G. Anderson, c. Porter, b. Duncan	0
J. Lawson, not out	0
W. Stark, b. Lindsay	2
J. Ross, st. D. Bonthron, b. Lindsay	0
Extras	15
Total	60
Howe of Fife	
H.L. Stewart, lbw., b. P. Lawson	11

D. Bonthrone, run out	0
J.E. Lawson, st. Baxter, b. J. Lawson	7
G. Reid, lbw., b. P. Lawson	1
Lex Bonthrone, st. Baxter, b. P. Lawson	0
D. Duncan, c. Ross, b. P. Lawson	15
J. Lindsay, b. J. Lawson	2
A.D. Porter, b. Schofield	32
J. Todd, b. Birrell	0
R. Bonthrone, c. P. Lawson, b. Schofield	7
G. Watt, run out	3
A. Smith, not out	8
Extras	1
Total	87

Article in *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Falkland v Kingskettle** – “A team of lads from Kettle played a similar Falkland team at Scroggie Park, Falkland, on Thursday evening last week. The visitors showed a good knowledge of the game, and with someone to coach them, should make rapid progress. Scores:-

Falkland

G. Baxter, c. Bernard, b. Morgan	6
J. Lawson, b. Bernard	16
P. Birrell, b. Petrie	8
R.S. Drysdale, b. Maxwell	18
H. Birrell, b. Bernard	0
G. Anderson, b. Bernard	3
J. Skinner, b. Maxwell	13
J. Hay, not out	5
G. Finlay, b. Maxwell	0
J. Morgan, run out	1
R. Laing, c. and b. Bernard	4
Extras	1
Total	75

Kettle

G. Moultrie, b. H. Birrell	0
G. Turner, c. P. Birrell, b. J. Lawson	0
O. Maxwell, b. Finlay	12
W. Bernard, b. Baxter	1
M. Bruce, c. Lawson, b. Baxter	4
D. Morgan, b. Hay	7
A.B. Smith, c. Morgan, b. Baxter	1
A. Dickie, c. and b. Finlay	6
J. Gorrie, c. and b. Finlay	1
J. Munro, c. and b. Finlay	0
R. Bauldie, not out	0
Extras	2
Total	34

Article in *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Falkland v Ward Foundry (Dundee)** – “At Scroggie Park, Falkland, on Saturday afternoon. Glorious weather prevailed and the wicket was in perfect condition. Drysdale and Baxter opened for the homesters against the bowling of Kidd and Young. The latter batsmen was dismissed without a run scored, being bowled off his pads. Schofield, who followed, played a fine game with a contribution of 17, and Lawson was unlucky to mishit one into point’s hands. Then ensued a profitable partnership between Drysdale and Robertson. ‘Peter’ opened in characteristic fashion by sending the first three balls he received to the boundary. He continued to augment the score at a merry pace, and received able assistance from Drysdale, who was playing a steady game, although having a couple of ‘lives’. This pair between them put on over 70 runs, and Robertson had just reached the fifty mark when he was caught at cover. Young then went on to register a ‘hat trick’ by successfully dismissing S. Drysdale, Hopkins and Birrell. Stark had a merry innings, and shortly after his arrival, Drysdale was taken in the slips for a well-played 44. The total reached was 140 all out.

Young, who is a good fast bowler, also proved himself a batsman of merit, and believed in forcing the pace. Along with Paterson, he looked like putting up a stiff resistance, but was run out in attempting an impossible single. Paterson was smartly taken at the wicket by Baxter, who also distinguished himself by finely stumping Brown and J. Young. With the exception of Dundas, the visitors’ tail could not make headway against the Falkland bowling, especially that of P. Lawson, and the last batsman was defeated with the score standing at 52.

Bowling for Ward Foundry, W. Young had five wickets for 41 runs, including the ‘hat-trick’, and F. Paterson three for 18. For the homesters, P. Lawson had seven for 22, J. Lawson two for 21, and H. Birrell, one for 6. Scores:-

Falkland	
C.R. Drysdale, c. Kidd, b. Paterson	44
G. Baxter, b. Wm. Young	0
T.C. Schofield, b. Miller	17
P. Lawson, c. Brown, b. Paterson	1
P. Robertson, c. McFarlane, b. Wm. Young	50
R.S. Drysdale, b. Wm. Young	1
R. Hopkins, b. Wm. Young	0
H. Birrell, b. Wm. Young	0
J. Lawson, b. Kidd	0
W. Stark, not out	15
M. St Clair, b. Paterson	0
Extras	12
Total	140

Ward Foundry	
W.M. Young, run out	17
J. Maiden, c. Stark, b. P. Lawson	0
F. Paterson, c. Baxter, b. P. Lawson	14

<i>J. Cunningham, b. P. Lawson</i>	0
<i>W. Miller, b. J. Lawson</i>	0
<i>J. Brown, st. Baxter, b. P. Lawson</i>	1
<i>J.B. Dundas, b. Birrell</i>	11
<i>J. McFarlane, b. P. Lawson</i>	0
<i>D. Kidd, not out</i>	1
<i>J. Young, st. Baxter, b. P. Lawson</i>	0
<i>J. Swayne, b. P. Lawson</i>	5
<i>Extras</i>	3
Total	52

Article in *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Kennoway v Falkland** – “At Kennoway on Wednesday evening. Bowling for the visitors, J. Lawson secured five wickets for 26 runs; Robertson two for 24, and H. Birrell one for 16. For Kennoway, Brown had four for 28, Keith three for 13, and Rankine two for 28. Scores:-

Kennoway

<i>J. Cowper, c. C.R. Drysdale, b. H. Birrell</i>	28
<i>D. Gillespie, st. Baxter, b. J. Lawson</i>	21
<i>J.M. Rigg, c. and b. Robertson</i>	6
<i>W. McLean, b. Robertson</i>	6
<i>G. Honeyman, c. P. Lawson, b. J. Lawson</i>	14
<i>J. Gillespie, lbw., b. J. Lawson</i>	2
<i>P. Gillespie, b. J. Lawson</i>	3
<i>D. Brown, c. Robertson, b. J. Lawson</i>	12
<i>R. Keith, not out</i>	2
<i>J. Ramsay, not out</i>	6
<i>D. Rankine, did not bat</i>	
<i>Extras</i>	4
Total for 8 wickets	104

Falkland

<i>C.R. Drysdale, run out</i>	11
<i>D. Smart, b. Rankine</i>	4
<i>P. Robertson, b. Rankine</i>	9
<i>P. Lawson, b. Brown</i>	3
<i>J. Fleming, lbw., b. Brown</i>	28
<i>H. Birrell, c. Rankine, b. Keith</i>	11
<i>R.S. Drysdale, b. Brown</i>	1
<i>J. Lawson, b. Keith</i>	0
<i>J. Skinner, not out</i>	0
<i>P. Birrell, b. Brown</i>	0
<i>G. Baxter, b. Keith</i>	2
<i>Extras</i>	7
Total	76

Article in *The Fife News*: **Falkland's Help to Missions.**

Successful Sale in Church Grounds

“Falkland Parish Church grounds on Saturday afternoon were the centre of an interesting function – the biennial sale of work, etc., organised by the Woman’s Guild on behalf of Home and Foreign Missions. The function was partly indoors and partly outside the green surroundings of the church, providing a delightful setting for teas, and other outdoor games.

Within the Vestry was the Woman’s Work Party Stall, and here with Mrs Russell, the Manse, as convener, a splendid selection of fancy and useful articles was quickly disposed of. Also assisting at the stall were:- Mrs Nisbet, Schoolhouse; Mrs D. Chisholm, Pleasance; and Mrs John Drysdale, Lomond Crescent. Alongside the work stall was the produce stall, at which there was no lack of farm produce and game. Mrs David Bonthron, Newton of Falkland, and Mrs David Galloway, Balmblae, were in charge, and were assisted by Miss Venters.

The bran tub dips just outside were sources of considerable income, and were managed by Miss Kate Collins, New Road, and Miss Annie Cowan, Lomond Crescent. Teas were much in demand, and Miss Annie Ness, Beechgrove, who was in charge, found plenty to do. She was assisted by Miss J. Ross, Miss A. Anderson, Miss N. Anderson, Miss Archibald, Miss M.J. Thomson, Miss Cathie Hardie, and Miss M. Lawson. Under their Captain, Miss Cathie Melville, the 1st Falkland Company of the Girl Guides had charge of the pound stall, while the local Boy Scouts, under Scoutmaster Robt. Wallace, assisted in many useful ways with putting, etc. In all a sum of £86 was realised.

The opening ceremony was performed by Major G.J. Lumsden, Tarvit, Cupar, who was introduced by Rev. J.K. Russell, minister of the church. Mr Russell referred to the fact that Major Lumsden was coming among his own people in helping them at Falkland, for he was born at Millfield. (Applause) He referred to the catholicity and breadth of Major Lumsden’s interests which were shown by his one moment addressing the Girl Guides, and the next moment speaking on behalf of the Church and Church work.”

Ladies’ Courage

“Major Lumsden said he would like to make them his father-confessor to tell them of his unbounded admiration for the ladies of Falkland in general and for the members of the Woman’s Guild in particular, not only for their beauty and gentility which were proverbial, but for their dauntless courage. Just before the general strike and the coal stoppage the Guild organised that sale. The general strike did not last long, but the coal stoppage, in its ninth week, still persisted. Did those good ladies give up their sale? No, they carried on with it; their’s not to reason why, their’s but to do and live! A hackneyed poetical tag told them, ‘Tis not in mortals to command success.’ Sometimes poets said what they meant; sometimes even they meant what they said; often, however, they didn’t know what they meant when they said it. (Laughter.)

How were they to apply that poetical line to the case of that Guild sale? Either the poet was right or he was wrong. He maintained that those ladies in carrying on in such a juncture had already commanded success. He cared not what the drawings might amount to. After all they must preserve a sense of proportion. If in times such as those at present prevailing £100 be drawn at a sale, surely in other circumstances £200 would have been the result. Some of them might argue if the ladies had already commanded success by the mere holding of the sale, that the poet was wrong. He took the opposite view, and the other way out. He held that the poet was right, and that the ladies by commanding success only proved themselves to be more than mere mortals. In fact, if they would permit a slang term he 'came off the fence' on the side of the angels."

The Narrow View

"Every sale was held with an object – one object they might say – money. Funds for the exchequer were required by Guilds as well as by Chancellors. He believed that Guilds applied their funds mostly to Home and Foreign Missions. Some folk took the narrow view that all foreigners ought to be left to work out their own salvation, thereby, not merely overlooking their Lord's express command, but forgetting all the time that had it not been for foreign missionaries they themselves would never have been Christianised. There was something to be said, however, for the view that much more home mission work was required. Everyone would agree, he thought, that too much was being made of the material side of life – there was too much pushing for sport and pleasure, for luxuries and extra comforts. The moral and spiritual side of their nature was not developed as it ought to be. Class consciousness, class envy, class hostility, and class hatred were being loudly advocated without, it seemed to him, sufficient counter blast. It would not do to altogether ignore those vapourings. Wherever 'class' was being preached there should the brotherhood of mankind be proclaimed even more loudly. All men ought to be told with no uncertain voice that they were men and brothers first, and miners and manufacturers, peers and poachers afterwards. Church men and Church organisers might well get busier in that matter. The true solution of the unrest in their midst, and throughout the world was surely the preaching of peace to the people and the putting into practice in their daily lives of the precepts of their Christian faith. (Applause.)"

"Major Lumsden was thanked on the call of the Chairman."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Maule Ramsay** – *"Captain and the Hon. Mrs Archibald Maule Ramsay have given up 87 Lancaster gate, and their address until the autumn will be at Kellie Castle, Arbroath, Forfarshire."*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Statistics** – “The registration returns for the parish of Falkland for the half-year ended 30th June are as follows:-

Births, 22; deaths, 13; marriages, 9.

Of the deaths, 4 were over 70 years, and 5 were over 83 years.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “The annual competition for the Lathrisk Cup was won by Mr George Robertson with a score of 158-4 – 154. Provost Hopkins was runner-up with 173-12 – 161. Play was over 36 holes. Miss Jean Venters won the ladies’ monthly medal competition on Friday evening, her card reading 101-4 – 97. Miss Jean Nelson was runner-up. Play was over 15 holes.”

Article in *The Fife News*: **Colours for Falkland Girl Guides**

Presented by Major G.J. Lumsden

“An interesting function took place at Falkland on Saturday, when the local Company of Girl Guides was presented with colours by Major G.J. Lumsden, Tarvit, Cupar, District Commissioner of the Boy Scouts. The colours were subscribed for and presented by the local Ladies Committee, and the presentation ceremony took place in the Square at the fountain in front of the Parish Church, in presence of a large turnout of the townspeople. The Guides were out in full force, under their Captain, Miss C. Melville, and the Freuchie Company under Lieut. Gilmour, the Falkland Brownies under Miss Gavin, and the Boy Scouts under Scoutmaster Wallace were also on parade.

On the assembly of the Guides, Mrs Russell, the Manse, president of the Local Association, handed the colours to Major Lumsden, who, in turn, handed them over to the colour party. The new colours were saluted, and the Companies of Guides marched round before being addressed by Major Lumsden. The Union Jack was carried by Miss Margaret Lawson, and the Company flag by Miss J. Lister.”

An Inspiration

“In the course of his remarks Major Lumsden thanked the Local Association for the privilege of being allowed to take part in that ceremony, and to hand over those flags. He reminded the Guides of their connection with the Guide Law and Promise. He would point out that those flags, properly used and properly thought of, would be an inspiration to them to go on their Guide way rejoicing, and to carry out their Guide duties faithfully. As they knew, the colours were emblems. The Union Jack stood for King and country – a great country. They were all proud of its glorious history, and were all proud to belong to it. When they saluted that flag they were reminded of all that it stood for – independence, law and order, justice, liberty of the subject,

freedom of conscience – besides all the magnificent Empire achievements which had been built up round it, and they were reminded, too, of their promise that they would do their best to do nothing which in any way would sully that flag, but on the contrary, that they would use their best endeavours to make their country even better than it was.”

Cultivating Reverence

“He thought it was a good idea to display the Union Jack if possible at their Headquarters. He knew a Scout troop which displayed the Union Jack on the wall facing the door of the hall, and every Scout saluted the flag whenever he entered the hall – he saluted the flag before saluting his Scoutmaster. The Scoutmaster of that troop said, and he was right, that that little ceremony helped to cultivate reverence, and was a practical way of reminding Scouts of their Law and Promise. The other flag – the Company flag – stood, of course, for their company. It inculcated ‘esprit de corps’, it reminded them of the Guide Law, and of their promise to obey the Guide Law, which practically meant that they would do nothing to let down their Company, nothing that would injure the fair fame of the Guides, that, in fact, they would play the game at all times. Keenly and joyously, straight and clean. Let them remember a Guide was not merely a Guide when in uniform or when out on Guide stunts and practice, but a Guide was a Guide first, last, and all the time. ‘Once a Guide, always a Guide’, should be their proud motto, and they should make it one to live up to. He trusted that many happy associations would grow up around that flag, so that in days to come they might be able to look back upon many happy hours of guiding, cheery camp-fires, jolly games, pleasant companionship, and many good turns. He wished the Falkland Company good hunting, good camping, good guiding, and God speed. (Applause.)

Rev. J.P. Batchelor, U.F. Church, Falkland, in thanking Major Lumsden, recounted that story of an uncle who brought home to his nephew an ostrich egg. The little boy on seeing it, remarked that the egg would be a standard for their hens to live up to – (laughter) – and Mr Batchelor emphasised the moral of that story and the flags with which the Guides had just been presented.

The local Pipe Band marched round the town prior to the assembling of the Guides.

The colours were solemnly dedicated by the Rev. J.K. Russell in the presence of the congregation in the Parish Church on Sunday at the close of the morning service.”

17th July 1926

*Article in The Fife News: **Cricket – Falkland v Cupar 2nd XI** – “The return match between these teams was played at Scroggie Park, Falkland, on Saturday afternoon*

in glorious weather conditions. After the game at Cupar, which ended in a draw of 104 runs each, this return fixture was in the nature of a 'needle' contest, but subsequent play proved the superiority of the homesters, who were victors by 41 runs.

Donaldson won the toss, and sent in the burgh men to bat, the brothers Drysdale facing Wilkie and Barclay. Runs came at a steady pace, and 40 was on the board when C. Drysdale was caught. Schofield, Lawson, and Robertson gave little trouble, but T. Drysdale kept his wicket intact for a spell, and gave able assistance to his brother, who contributed a valuable 39. With the exception of Birrell, the remaining batsmen were easily disposed of, and the innings closed at 88.

This was not a formidable total on such a wicket, but the Falkland bowlers went about their business in no uncertain fashion, and, backed up by excellent fielding, had the Cupar side in 'Queer Street.' Kirkcaldy was the only batsman who made anything of a show, and even he had several 'lives'. Misunderstanding and carelessness were the means of Porter and Rollo being run out, which chances were smartly snapped up by the Falkland fielders. The visitors could only muster 47 runs.

Bowling for Cupar, Barclay claimed eight wickets for 39 runs, and D. Porter two for 13. For Falkland, J. Lawson had three for 11; Birrell two for 6; Schofield one for 3, Robertson one for 7; and P. Lawson one for 19. Scores:-

Falkland

<i>C.R. Drysdale, c. Carver, b. Barclay</i>	<i>21</i>
<i>T. Drysdale, c. Craig, b. Barclay</i>	<i>39</i>
<i>T.C. Schofield, b. Barclay</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>P. Robertson, b. Barclay</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>P. Lawson, c. Wilkie, b. Barclay</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>R.S. Drysdale, b. D. Porter</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>R. Hopkins, b. D. Porter</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>H. Birrell, not out</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>G. Anderson, b. Barclay</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>J. Lawson, b. Barclay</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>M. St Clair, b. Barclay</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Extras</i>	<i>8</i>
Total	88

Cupar 2nd XI

<i>A.C. Wilkie, lbw., b. J. Lawson</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>H.M. Kirkcaldy, c. St Clair, b. Birrell</i>	<i>28</i>
<i>D. Craig, c. Hopkins, b. J. Lawson</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>T.A. Barclay, c. and b. Schofield</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>A. Donaldson, b. Birrell</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>A.D. Porter, run out</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>D. Porter, c. Anderson, b. Robertson</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>L. Rollo, run out</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>D. Hastie, b. P. Lawson</i>	<i>0</i>

L. Carver, c. Anderson, b. J. Lawson	4
R. Dryburgh, not out	0
Total	47

Article in *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Falkland v Kennoway** – “At Falkland on Wednesday evening. Bowling for Falkland, P. Lawson had five wickets for 46 runs, J. Lawson two for 36, and C.R. Drysdale one for 11. For Kennoway, Rankine had five for 12 and Brown four for 20. Scores:-

Kennoway

W. McLean, b. P. Lawson	3
D. Gillespie, b. P. Lawson	9
J. Cooper, c. and b. P. Lawson	3
D. Brown, b. P. Lawson	17
J. Gillespie, c. St Clair, b. J. Lawson	10
G. Honeyman, c. and b. P. Lawson	44
R. Keith, c. C.R. Drysdale, b. J. Lawson	6
D. Rankine, b. C.R. Drysdale	8
P. Gillespie, not out	6
J. Wilkinson and J. Ramsay did not bat	
Extras	4
Total for 8 wickets	110

Falkland

C.R. Drysdale, c. J. Gillespie, b. Brown	7
T. Drysdale, b. Rankine	7
R.S. Drysdale, c. Honeyman, b. Brown	0
J. Fleming, b. Rankine	0
R. Hopkins, b. Rankine	3
T.C. Schofield, c. Ramsay, b. Rankine	9
P. Lawson, c. Ramsay, b. Brown	3
G. Baxter, run out	1
J. Lawson, b. Rankine	0
M. St Clair, b. Brown	2
G. Anderson, not out	1
Extras	3
Total	36

Extract from *The Fife News*: **School** – “The Public School closed last Friday evening for five weeks’ summer vacation.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Off to Germany** – “Mr Gaston Bonthronne, third son of Mr David Bonthronne, Newton of Falkland, is one of two boys of Strathallan School chosen by Mr Riley, the headmaster, to accompany him on a tour up the Rhine. The

trio left on Tuesday, and are to spend a few days in London en route. Mr Gaston has been elected vice-captain of the School Rugby XV for the coming season.”

Article in *The Fife News: **Children’s Annual Sports*** – “Falkland children’s annual sports gathering was held in the sports park adjoining the school on Thursday afternoon last week. Weather conditions were ideal, and drew forth a large number of spectators. Many willing helpers were in attendance, and all the events were carried through without a hitch. With 14 and 17 points respectively, Cathie Lawson and George Finlay won medals gifted by Mr A. Shanks, Falkland Wood. Prizes for the various winners were handed over by Mrs Shanks. Mr A. Nisbet, headmaster, assisted by his staff, carried through the arrangements. Results:-

Girls over 12 years:

Flat Race – 1. Cathie Lawson, 2. Ina Lawson, 3. Mary McBain.

Skipping Rope Race – 1. Cathie Lawson, 2. Ina Lawson, 3. Mary McBain.

Egg and Spoon Race – 1. Ina Lawson, 2. Cathie Lawson, 3. Mary McBain.

Thread the Needle Race – 1. Ina Lawson, 2. Mary McBain, 3. Cathie Lawson.

High Jump – 1. Cathie Lawson, 2. Mary McBain, 3. Ina Lawson.

Girls over 10 years:

Flat Race – 1. Mary Baxter, 2. Jenny Finlay, 3. Eleanor Garland.

Skipping Rope Race – 1. Mary Baxter, 2. Jenny Finlay, 3. Nancy Bain.

Egg and Spoon Race – 1. Jenny Finlay, 2. Mary Baxter, 3. Eleanor Garland.

Thread the Needle Race – 1. Mary Baxter, 2. Eleanor Garland, 3. Jenny Finlay.

High Jump – 1. Mary Baxter, 2. Jenny Finlay, 3. Eleanor Garland.

Girls over 8 years:

Flat Race – 1. Georgina Lawson, 2. Jenny Hopkins, 3. Marjory Douglas.

Skipping Rope Race – 1. Georgina Lawson, 2. Marjory Douglas, 3. Sarah Hardie.

Egg and Spoon Race – 1. Margaret Wilson, 2. Georgina Lawson, 3. Jenny Hopkins.

Girls over 6 years:

Flat Race – 1. Margaret Thomson, 2. Isobel Martin, 3. Sarah Duff.

Girls under 6 years:

Flat Race – 1. Mary White, 2. Marion Dall, 3. Cathy Garland.

Potato Race (Open) – 1. Jenny Finlay, 2. Cathie Lawson, 3. Ina Lawson.

Boys over 12 years:

Flat Race – 1. George Finlay, 2. John Baxter, 3. Wm. Page.

220 Yards – 1. G. Finlay, 2. J. Baxter, 3. W. Page.

Sack Race – 1. G. Finlay, 2. R. Smith, 3. H. Bayne.

Three-Legged Race – 1. Tom Grant and W. Page, 2. G. Finlay and G. Baxter, 3. Wm. White and Wm. Simpson.

High Jump – 1. W. Page, 2.(equal) J. Baxter and G. Finlay.

Long Jump – 1. G. Finlay, 2. J. Baxter, 3. W. Page.

Boys over 10 years:

Flat Race – 1. Wm. Simpson, 2. Harry Shanks, 3. Jack Paterson.

220 Yards – 1. John Paterson, 2. H. Shanks, 3. W. Simpson.

Three-Legged Race – 1. Harry Shanks and Douglas Oram, 2. Jack Anderson and John Lawson, 3. Robert Douglas and John Paterson.

Sack Race – 1. H. Shanks, 2. Peter Thomson, 3. J. Paterson.

High Jump – 1. John Lawson, 2. D. Oram, 3. H. Shanks.

Long Jump – 1. W. Simpson, 2. J. Paterson, 3. H. Shanks.

Boys over 8 years:

Flat Race – 1. John Bett, 2. Wm. Smith, 3. Denholm Baxter.

Three-Legged Race – 1. D. Baxter and W. Speake, 2. D. Dykes and J. Bett, 3. Wm. Duncan and Wm. Skinner.

Sack Race – 1. Kennedy Drysdale, 2. W. Speake, 3. D. Baxter.

Boys over 6 years:

Flat Race – 1. George Brown, 2. James Scott, 3. Tom McEwan.

Boys under 6 years:

Flat Race – 1. John Flockhart, 2. David Robertson, 3. Robert Nellies.

Potato Race (Open) – 1. G. Finlay, 2. J. Lawson, 3. W. Page.

Blindfold Race (Open) – 1. W. Page, 2. Tom Grant, 3. Robert Craig.

Relay Race – 1st Team – Cathie Lawson, Ina Lawson, W. Page, and G. Finlay. 2nd Team – Jenny Finlay, Mary Baxter, Mary McBain, and Jack Lawson. 3rd Team – Robert Smith, Douglas Oram, Harry Shanks, and David Hardie.”

24th July 1926

Article in the *Fife News*: **Cricket – Falkland v Ellanby (Dundee)** – “*Played at Scroggie Park, Falkland, on Saturday. Bowling for Falkland, P. Lawson had six wickets for 15 runs, and for Ellanby A.E. Lindsay, six for 25. Scores:-*

Falkland	
<i>T. Drysdale, c. Wishart, b. Buckenham</i>	4
<i>G. Baxter, b. Lindsay</i>	17
<i>T.C. Schofield, b. Lindsay</i>	6
<i>H. Birrell, b. Lindsay</i>	0
<i>P. Lawson, c. Wishart, b. Buckenham</i>	6
<i>P. Robertson, c. Lindsay, b. Stewart</i>	7
<i>R. Hopkins, c. Brown, b. Lindsay</i>	10
<i>R.S. Drysdale, b. Lindsay</i>	1
<i>J. Lawson, b. Stewart</i>	0
<i>G. Anderson, b. Lindsay</i>	0
<i>J. Morgan, not out</i>	3
<i>Extras</i>	5
Total	59

Ellanby	
<i>E.C. Buckingham, lbw., b. P. Lawson</i>	2
<i>A.W. Foggie, b. P. Lawson</i>	7
<i>F.C. Finlay, c. Robertson, b. P. Lawson</i>	15
<i>A.E. Lindsay, b. Birrell</i>	1
<i>T.T. Robertson, b. Birrell</i>	1
<i>D.N. Brown, c. Morgan, b. P. Lawson</i>	10
<i>R.T. Stewart, c. T. Drysdale, b. Birrell</i>	0
<i>W. McLaren, c. Baxter, b. Birrell</i>	3
<i>W.K. Millar, b. P. Lawson</i>	5
<i>T.J. Wishart, c. P. Lawson, b. Robertson</i>	5
<i>A.C. Lindsay, not out</i>	1
<i>Extras</i>	12
Total	62

31st July 1926

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Arrival** – “The Hon. Mrs A. Maule Ramsay and family have arrived at Falkland House for a short stay from Kellie Castle, their Forfarshire estate, where Captain Ramsay is at present residing.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Work** – “Work was resumed in the Floorcloth and Linen factories on Monday and Tuesday morning respectively, after the summer vacation.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Visitors** – “During the past week there were many summer visitors resident in the burgh. The weather, however, was very unsettled.”

7th August 1926

Article in *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Benedicts Lose at Falkland.**

“At Scroggie Park, Falkland, on Thursday of last week, a match between local married and single players resulted in a victory for the bachelors. Keen though the game was, it would have been more closely contested had the married men turned out as chosen. Several players cried off, and substitutes had to be found.

Bowling for the married players P. Robertson claimed four wickets for 18 runs, P. Lawson snr., one for 0, M. Robertson, one for 3, Hopkins, one for 4, and Grant one for 16.

For the ‘singles’ Skinner had three for 6, Anderson three for 10, Cowan two for 12, and Finlay two for 14. Scores:-

Married	
T.C. Schofield, b. Skinner	4
M. Robertson, b. Skinner	0
P. Robertson, c. C.R. Drysdale, b. Cowan	3
R. Hopkins, b. Finlay	20
P. Lawson, c. P. Lawson jnr., b. Skinner	0
W. Stark, b. Cowan	0
T. Grant, b. Anderson	3
J. Morgan, b. Anderson	3
J. Fernie, not out	2
M. Lawson, b. Finlay	0
P. Birrell, c. Cowan, b. Anderson	9
Extras	3
Total	47

Single

G. Baxter, b. P. Robertson	0
J. Lawson, lbw., b. P. Robertson	3
R.S. Drysdale, c. Stark, b. Hopkins	9
P. Gillespie, b. Birrell	12
C.R. Drysdale, b. M. Robertson	1
T. Cowan, b. P. Robertson	1
P. Lawson jnr., b. Grant	34
G. Finlay, b. P. Robertson	3
H. Birrell, run out	7
G. Anderson, c. Morgan, b. P. Lawson	1
J. Skinner, not out	5
Extras	4
Total	80

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Visitors** – “There are still several summer visitors in the burgh. They have been distinctly fortunate as regards weather, which, during the past week, has been ideal. Crops are progressing favourable.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Church Supplies** – “Rev. J.K. Russell, minister of the Parish Church, has gone for a month’s holiday, and Mr Pearce of the London City Mission will occupy the pulpit on Sunday morning. On the following two Sundays Mr Dickson of Edinburgh will officiate.”

Article in *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Falkland Ladies’ Victory**

“Falkland, according to their fixture list, should have had a blank day last Saturday, but late in the week a team of ladies was got together and opposed the men at Scroggie Park. Owing to the arrangements for this match being so hurriedly carried through, the fair sex had only part of Friday in which to practice, but they, nevertheless, gained a meritorious victory. Several of the ladies wielded the willow in no uncertain fashion, and many boundary hits were registered. Their bowling, too, was first-rate, and their male opponents were often in difficulties. As is customary in matches of this nature, the gentlemen bowled, fielded and batted left handed.

It is anticipated that a return match will be played during the next few weeks, and with more time to practice, the ladies should give a good account of themselves when the fixture comes off.

For the ladies, Misses Emily Hay and Jean Nelson were the highest run getters with 32 and 18 respectively, and their best trundle was Miss Margaret Lawson, who had five wickets for 37 runs. Scores:-

Gentlemen	
C.R. Drysdale, b. Miss J. Drysdale	15

G. Baxter, b. Miss Mt. Lawson	3
A. Cowan, run out	1
C. Oram, b. Miss Mt. Lawson	0
P. Lawson, c. Miss L. Page, b. Miss Mt. Lawson	14
H. Birrell, b. Miss Mt. Lawson	0
J. Lawson, c. Miss E. Hay, b. Miss J. Drysdale	8
R.S. Drysdale, not out	17
R. Hopkins, b. Miss Mt. Lawson	2
G. Anderson, b. Miss E. Hay	2
J. Skinner, st. Miss J. Nelson, b. Miss E. Drysdale	14
Extras	5
Total	81

Ladies

Miss Mary Lawson	9
Miss J. Nelson	18
Miss E. Hay	32
Miss J. Drysdale	0
Miss A. Baxter	0
Miss Margaret Lawson	0
Miss E. Drysdale	2
Miss M. Bryce	0
Miss Edmeston	5
Miss L. Page	0
Miss M.J. Thomson	0
Mrs Homden	0
Miss C. Lawson	0
Miss M. Thomson	8
Miss E. Fernie	2
Miss N. Anderson	0
Miss C. Hardie	3
Extras	14
Total	93

Article in *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Falkland v Floorcloth Factory XI**

At Scroggie Park on Tuesday evening. Bowling for Falkland, R. Hopkins had six for 19; Robertson, one for 2; Skinner, one for 1; and Birrell, one for 10. For the Floorcloth XI, J. Lawson had six for 36; P. Lawson, three for 30; and M. Robertson, one for 14. Scores:-

Floorcloth XI

G. Baxter, b. Hopkins	6
J. Lawson, b. Birrell	1
M. Robertson, c. Schofield, b. Hopkins	0
P. Lawson, c. C. Drysdale, b. Robertson	15
G. Stark, b. Hopkins	1

T.D. Hopkins, c. Anderson, b. Hopkins	0
A. Cowan, c. Robertson, b. Hopkins	4
T. Lawson, b. Hopkins	0
A. Page, not out	4
A. Robertson, c. Robertson, b. Skinner	1
F. Mather, run out	0
Extras	8
Total	40

Falkland

C.R. Drysdale, b. P. Lawson	0
T. Drysdale, b. P. Lawson	4
R.S. Drysdale, lbw., b. J. Lawson	4
P. Robertson, c. Cowan, b. P. Lawson	2
R. Hopkins, c. Hopkins, b. J. Lawson	6
G. Anderson, b. M. Robertson	6
T.C. Schofield, b. J. Lawson	30
M. St Clair, b. J. Lawson	32
W. Stark, not out	3
H. Birrell, b. J. Lawson	6
J. Skinner, b. J. Lawson	0
Extras	6
Total	99

14th August 1926

Article in *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Falkland v Dunnikier**

“At Scroggie Park, Falkland, on Saturday afternoon, this match was of an exciting nature, the visitors winning by the narrow margin of three runs. Mr Aitken named the right side of the coin, and elected to bat. Fisher and Stewart were early disposed of, but Campbell and Currie had a fruitful partnership. The former was eventually smartly held in the broadfield, and Currie was also caught shortly afterwards in attempting to drive one of Robertson’s slows. The following six batsmen did little, and the innings closed at 70.

Falkland’s batting was really a one-man show, Peter Lawson having 43 out of 67. Their opening was disastrous, the first three wickets being down without a run on the telegraph, and this, no doubt, had its effect on the rest of the side. Lawson tried hard to rally his partners, but their response was feeble, and the last wicket fell when three runs short of the visitors’ total.

Bowling for Falkland, Robertson had four wickets for 13 runs; P. Lawson, three for 23; and Birrell, two for 21. For Dunnikier, Stewart claimed four for 24; Ramage, three for 15; and Hutchison, two for 10. Scores:-

Dunnikier

<i>R. Campbell, c. Robertson, b. P. Lawson</i>	17
<i>D. Fisher, b. Birrell</i>	2
<i>T. Stewart, c. Robertson, b. Birrell</i>	0
<i>W. Currie, c. Birrell, b. Robertson</i>	27
<i>H. Hutchison, b. Robertson</i>	9
<i>D. Murray, lbw., b. Robertson</i>	4
<i>N. Aitken, c. Robertson, b. P. Lawson</i>	4
<i>W. Brown, not out</i>	2
<i>R. Ramage, c. C. Drysdale, b. Robertson</i>	4
<i>F. Kelly, run out</i>	0
<i>R. Leishman, b. P. Lawson</i>	0
<i>Extra</i>	1
Total	70

Falkland

<i>C.R. Drysdale, b. Ramage</i>	0
<i>G. Baxter, b. Stewart</i>	0
<i>P. Robertson, run out</i>	0
<i>P. Lawson, b. Hutchison</i>	43
<i>R. Hopkins, c. and b. Ramage</i>	0
<i>H. Birrell, c. Hutchison, b. Ramage</i>	8
<i>M. St Clair, c. Kelly, b. Stewart</i>	2
<i>T.C. Schofield, c. Aitken, b. Hutchison</i>	4
<i>W. Stark, b. Stewart</i>	6
<i>R.S. Drysdale, b. Stewart</i>	0
<i>J. Lawson, not out</i>	0
<i>Extras</i>	4
Total	67

Article in *The Fife News*: **Falkland Cricket Club**:



Standing (left to right) – T. Grant (umpire), J. Morgan (groundsman), R.S. Drysdale, R. Hopkins, T. Drysdale, P. Lawson, G. Baxter, and James Lawson (umpire)

Seated (left to right) – M. St Clair, P. Robertson, W. Stark, John Lawson, and H. Birrell.

In front (left to right) – T. Schofield, W. Drysdale (scorer), and C.R. Drysdale

“In addition to having a very picturesque park in which to play, Falkland possesses a cricket team which worthily upholds the honours of the ancient burgh. Either at home or away, the players do themselves justice. The Club is well managed, and unanimity prevails among the players:-

T.C. Schofield – skipper of the eleven. Believes in the ‘Gilligan choice’ when tossing the coin. A powerful hitter on the off when set, and also a useful change trundler. Has a safe pair of hands. His skilful manipulation of the team’s bowlers has brought victory to the side on more than one occasion.

P. Lawson – vice-captain. The strong man of the team. Bats left and bowls right hand. Is invariably successful with both bat and ball. His many fine bowling

performances include one or two 'hat-tricks', while he has also registered a century this season, the first in Falkland team for many years.

T. Drysdale – A steady opening bat, who, along with his brother 'C.R.' can wear down the bowling. Has contributed many a useful score. Excellent slip fielder.

C.R. Drysdale – secretary of the Club. The opening batsman, and meets the ball with the face of the bat. A handy change bowler, and a safe catch in the longfield.

P. Robertson – the swiper, and probably the keenest member of the team, despite his years. Looks like carrying off the batting average this season. A slow bowler, and studies the leg theory. Popular with the crowd.

M. St Clair – treasurer. A former member of Stewart's College F.P.'s team. Very smart in the field. Can also act creditably behind the stumps when called upon.

R.S. Drysdale – one of the young members of the side. Very strong 'on the leg', and shaping well generally. Possesses a capable pair of hands.

G. Baxter – wicket-keeper. Another of the young recruits. Keen as mustard, and shaping in the right direction behind the sticks, and also with the bat. One of the many 'left-handers' of the eleven.

J. Lawson – the youngest member of the side. A dangerous swerve bowler. A recent performance at Strathmiglo of taking all ten wickets (including the 'hat-trick') singles him out as one of the upcoming bowlers of the Howe of Fife.

H. Birrell – another left-hander. A change bowler of merit, whose 'cut-back' has puzzled many a batsman.

W. Stark – a man of experience and always willing to play when others cannot get away. Very strong on the off, and has had many big scores.

R. Hopkins – a first-class fielder at point, where he has claimed many victims. Has a quick eye, and can 'let them have it' when batting.

T. Grant (umpire) – understands the game thoroughly, and very fair to friend and foe alike. Gives the batsmen the benefit of the doubt in disputed circumstances.

J. Morgan – a groundsman who attends to his duties faithfully, and provides many a good wicket, for which the team is very grateful.

Jas. Lawson – an energetic member of the Committee, with the Club's good at heart. Dons the white coat on occasion.

Wm. Drysdale – scorer. Never complains of being overworked when his team is batting."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket Teas** – “Mr John S. Reid, Lomond Crescent, generously provided the teas at the match between Falkland and Dunnikier on Saturday afternoon.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Church Services** – “Rev. D.M. Baillie, St John’s U.F. Church, Cupar, officiated at both morning and afternoon services in the U.F. Church on Sunday.”

21st August 1926

Article in *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Falkland v Stratheden**

“There was a large crowd of spectators present at this match at Scroggie Park, Falkland on Saturday afternoon. The visitors brought a large contingent with them, and they were not long in showing in which way their interests lay. Strath opened disastrously, Low, Thomson and Allan being out with 5 runs on the board. It was left to the Thomsons to put a different complexion on matters, and 31 was hoisted when “R.G.” left. “D.H.” continued to score at a steady pace, and reached 47 when he was caught and bowled. He had a slice of luck early on, when he played a ball from Birrell on to his wicket, but the bails “held fast”. The following batsmen were quickly dispatched, and the last wicket fell with the total 69.

Falkland’s opening was even worse than that of their rivals, and the first four batsmen were sent back for 5 runs. Birrell and Stark were the only players who offered any resistance, and had the latter got someone to stay with him, things might have assumed a more cheery aspect. The innings closed at 28. Altogether, it was a sorry show on the part of the homesters.

Bowling for Stratheden, Low took six wickets for 6 runs, and Allan, four for 18. For Falkland, P. Lawson had five for 22; J. Lawson, two for 13; Birrell, one for 11; and Robertson, one for 16. Scores:-

Falkland	
C.R. Drysdale, b. Low	1
G. Baxter, b. Allan	4
T.C. Schofield, c. R.G. Thomson, b. Allan	0
P. Robertson, c. J.E. Thomson, b. Low	0
H. Birrell, b. Low	8
R. Hopkins, b. Allan	2
W. Stark, not out	9
M. St Clair, lbw., b. Low	0
R.S. Drysdale, b. Low	0
J. Low, b. Low	0
Extras	4

Total	28
Stratheden	
W. Low, c. Schofield, b. P. Lawson	0
D.H. Thomson, c. and b. Birrell	47
J.E. Thomson, b. P. Lawson	0
J.S. Allan, b. P. Lawson	0
R.G. Thomson, st. Baxter, b. Robertson	6
W. Bewick, run out	3
R.F.V. Scott, c. P. Lawson, b. J. Lawson	2
J.L. Wilson, c. S. Drysdale, b. J. Lawson	2
A. Chapman, not out	1
E. Brown, c. Hopkins, b. P. Lawson	1
J. Heggie, c. Birrell, b. P. Lawson	1
Extras	6
Total	69

Article in *The Fife News*: **The Falkland-Stratheden Cricket Match (By, One of the Scribes)**

“Lo, brethren, the time draweth nigh when they of the willow, and of the racket, and the woods also, shall cease. Verily the football is already being kicked to and fro in the land, and the time approacheth when the Daylight Slaving Bill shall, like unto the hedgehog, go to sleep for the winter. Therefore, brethren, said I unto the Chief Scribe answered me, saying, that I may give unto the readers of the chronicles called the ‘Fife News an account of a combat in the Howe.’ And the Chief Scribe answered me, saying, ‘Thou, O Scribe, hast spoken opportunely. Go, get thee out to that place which is by the Mount called Lomond, even unto Falkland. And when thou art come thither, repair thee to the camp of the cricketers, and write that which thou shalt see and hear, and come again unto me and make thy report.’

Then went I out from the presence of the Chief Scribe, and entered into mine fiery chariot, and said unto the shuvver, ‘Make the journey straightwith unto Falkland.’ And he answered, saying, ‘Yessir.’

Now when I was come unto the latter place, I and mine shuvver and mine chariot, behold! I commanded a halt in the street which is nigh unto the Palace of certain Kings who have gone nap. Then said I, ‘Tarry here for a space, until I come again. And I charge thee, enter not into the inn, that thou mayest steer straight in the way.’ And he answered again, ‘Yessir.’

Now, as I walked in the street, I met a man of Falkland, and said unto him, ‘Tell me, I pray, thee, the way that lieth to the camp of those that play cricket.’ Then he answered me saying, ‘Who art thou, and whence comest thou, that thou, shouldst inquire this of me?’ Then, answered I, saying, ‘Behold! I am a scribe, and come I

from the chief city of this region, which is called Cupar, wherein abideth the judges, the lawyers, the scribes and tax-collectors.’ He, therefore, brethren, pointing to the west, said, ‘Follow the crowd.’ And I looked, and, behold, there were many, both men and women, and lo! I followed these.

Now behold, when I had walked about one furlong, came I unto a gate, and beyond the gate were many trees. And when the people had passed through the midst thereof, behold! They came unto the place wherein the cricketers vied one with another, and there were many assembled therein. Then went I and sat under a beech tree that I might see the game, and there sat near unto me a youth. Therefore inquired I of him, saying, ‘Tell me, I pray thee, who are these that are come up to strive against the men of Falkland?’ Then answered he me, ‘Behold, the men of Strathmiglo are come up, even the Miglonians, the same being called Stratheden.’

Therefore said I within myself, ‘This will be a scorcher’ (which, being interpreted, meaneth a great match). Then arose I and walked around. And, behold, the men of Falkland had one Peter (he is not the Painter of that name, but is a seller of the meat of oxen, and of sheep, and of pigs). This same Peter hath played many seasons, and is as a youth for keen-ness; yea, he is a mighty swiper. There also was Lawson, the bowler (he hath no dealings with J.B. of that ilk), and many more hefty cricketers. Then, said I, ‘Behold, the Miglonians are up against it.’

And I looked, and, behold, the latter had with them Scott (the same is he which speaketh from afar unto those having high lines whereon to hang the washing), Allan, also, who aforetime had been in the camp of the men of Falkland. J.L. Wilson brought they up also - (he is not the draper) – and more that I had seen aforetime. Now, the Miglonians had with them in the camp many followers, both men and women, and youths, and they came in fiery chariots, and on two wheels, and some came they on two feet (for, verily, they are keen supporters). Lo, there was one amongst them who came in a chariot which was even larger than the ass which drew it.

Then said I to one standing by, ‘Tell me, I pray, who is this man?’ And he answered, saying, ‘That is John, a Miglonian, and a brother of R.R., the scribe of the Miglonians.’ Now, even as we spake, Allan, the captain of the Miglonians, and T.C., the captain of Falkland, met together. And one threw up a coin of the Realm. Then said the other, ‘head’, and he was correct. Then, said Allan, ‘We, the Miglonians, will bat.’ And there was joy in the camp of the latter.

Now there went out two of the Miglonians to defend the wickets, and the men of Falkland compassed them round about. And one was D.H., of the tribe of the Thomsons. Now Lawson, the bowler, was in form, and there went out from the wickets many Miglonians, and there was consternation in the camp; but D.H. stayed on. Then came out R.G. of that tribe also, and he and the other defied the bowlers of Falkland, and there was hope in the camp of the Miglonians.

Yea, some said, 'We shall yet prevail.' Now this Thomson which is called D.H. smote the ball with great swipes, and when the time was come for him to depart, behold he had run two score and seven. Now, the score of all the Miglonians was three score and nine, and to him who had made the two score and seven, behold, all the Miglonians cried with a loud voice and clapped their hands. (This did the men of Falkland also, for, verily, they be sportsmen.)

Now the time was come when the men of Falkland should bat, and, behold, they communed amongst themselves. 'For,' said they, 'we owe unto the Miglonians a dusting like unto that which we got in their camp, which is by the river.' (The same is written in these chronicles.) Then went out Baxter and one of the tribe of Drysdale. But, behold, they were like unto the Miglonians; behold, they had no man who stayed long, for, behold, Allan and one called Low bowled furiously, and the men of Falkland could withstand them not. Then came one Stark, who resisted longer than any before him, but he went also. Now came out Peter (of whom I spoke aforetime), and the people cheered, for he kindled hope in their breasts.

Now Allan cast a ball, and Peter made a great swipe, even unto the border of the camp, but one J.E. (another of the tribe of the Thomsons) caught the ball with a great catch, and the hope of Falkland was quenched. Likewise dismissed they the others, and when the score was counted, behold, Falkland ran one score and eight, so that the Miglonians had prevailed by two score and one. And there was joy in the camp of the Miglonians. Then returned I unto the town and broke my fast, I and my shuver, and we entered into the fiery chariot and returned unto the place from whence we came, for the morrow was the Sabbath."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Pulpit** – "Mr Dickson, of Queen Street, Edinburgh, occupied the Parish Church pulpit on Sunday morning."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – "The gentlemen's monthly medal competition was won on Saturday afternoon by Mr John Drysdale with a score of 88 less 4 – 84. Mr James Ross was runner-up."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death** – "Dykes – At Westfield, Falkland, on 13th inst., Janet Helen Sheriff, aged 19 years, daughter of James Dykes."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Death** – "Forsyth – At Brunton House, Falkland, on the 17th inst., Agnes Johnstone Whittaker, daughter of James Forsyth."

28th August 1926

Article in *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Markinch v Falkland**

“Markinch 1st XI entertained Falkland 1st XI in John Dixon Park, Markinch, on Saturday afternoon, where a very close game was witnessed. The visitors batted first, and opened with the brothers C.R. and Thomas Drysdale, but the former fell to an lbw decision in the third ball of the match. Peter Robertson then partnered T. Drysdale, and was clean bowled his first ball. Two wickets down and not a run on the board did not look rosy, but G. Baxter brightened things up a bit, and scored 28 runs before he was run out. H. Birrell and Robert Hopkins registered 14 runs between them and thus three players had contributed 42 runs, and the remaining eight batsmen totalling 4 runs. There being two extras, their innings closed with 48 runs.

The homesters, who opened with the brothers Thomas and A.A. Morrison, also fared disastrously, the former being bowled the third ball of the over, and Alex Law, who followed, did not stay long. Two wickets were down for two runs and four for eight runs. However, W. Macrae and W. Gamba came to the rescue, and contributed 17 and 11 runs respectively. Bowling for the homesters, Andrew Jack had three wickets for 9 runs, and A. Morrison three for 23, W. Macrae two for 6 runs and A.G. Taylor two wickets for 9 runs. For Falkland, Peter Lawson had five wickets for 21 runs.

Scores:-

Falkland

Chris R. Drysdale, lbw., b. Morrison	0
Thomas Drysdale, b. Taylor	2
Peter Robertson, b. Morrison	0
George Baxter, run out	28
Peter Lawson, b. Taylor	0
W. Stark, c. Taylor, b. Morrison	1
H. Birrell, c. Macrae, b. Jack	8
Robert Hopkins, c. Macrae, b. Jack	6
J. Lawson, c. A. Morrison, b. Jack	1
M. St Clair, b. Macrae	0
S. Drysdale, not out	0
Extras	2
Total	48

Markinch

Thomas Morrison, b. Lawson	0
A.A. Morrison, lbw., b. Lawson	3
Alex. Law, b. Lawson	1
Andrew Jack, c. Hopkins, b. Lawson	3
W. Macrae, c. and b. Birrell	17
W. Gamba, c. and b. Robertson	11
F.T. Morrison, b. Birrell	1
A.G. Taylor, not out	8

A. Wilson, b. Lawson	0
G. Thomson, c. Baxter, b. Birrell	0
A.D.K. Brunton, stpd. Baxter, b. Birrell	2
Extras	5
Total	51

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football – Cupar and District League Club Secretaries** – “Falkland Lomond Vale – Mr Allan Robertson, Cross Wynd, Falkland.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cricket** – “Falkland entertain Auchterderran at Scroggie Park tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon. The local team will be as follows:-

P. Lawson (capt.), C.R. Drysdale, T. Drysdale, G. Baxter, M. St Clair, H. Birrell, J. Lawson, R.S. Drysdale, D. Bonthron, G. Bonthron, and N.G. Reid.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Climbing Both Lomonds** – “The junior Bible class of Cupar Parish Church, under the Rev. Anson Wood,, on Saturday afternoon had an interesting excursion to Falkland. After seeing Falkland Palace, House of Falkland, and Maspie Den, the party took tea at the foot of the East Lomond, and then climbed both the East and West Lomonds.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cake and Candy Sale** – “In aid of the camp fund of the 22nd Fife Coy. (Falkland’s Own) Boy Scouts, a very successful cake and candy and jumble sale was held in the Palace grounds on Saturday afternoon. The Rev. J.P. Batchelor, U.F. Church Manse, performed the opening ceremony. Purchasers turned out in large numbers, and in a short time the articles on the various stalls were soon disposed of. A sum of about £16 was realised. The stall-holders were:-

Cake and Candy Stall – Misses J. Lister and Margaret Lawson.

Tea Stall – Mrs Birrell and assistants.

Jumble Stall – Scoutmaster J.J. Ross and Scout J. Nelson.

During the evening, the Scout troop held a camp-fire and sing-song at the East Loan.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Wedding – Wallace-Venters** – “At the Parish Church, Falkland, on 19th August, by the Rev. R.F.V. Scott, Strathmiglo, James Cullen, only

son of Mr Wallace, and the late Mrs Wallace, 8 Muirhall Terrace, Perth, to Kate Christie Martin, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Venters, Falkland.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Church Wedding** – “On Friday, the Parish Church was the scene of the wedding between Miss Kate Venters, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Andrew Venters, Horsemarket Street, and Mr James Cullen Wallace, only son of Mr William Wallace, retired draper, Perth. Rev. R.F.V. Scott, Strathmiglo, officiated, and Mr John Venters, brother of the bride, was at the organ. The bridesmaids were her sister, Miss Jean Venters, and Miss Wallace, sister of the bridegroom, Mr A. King acting as groomsman. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a pretty robe of white crepe de chine, adorned with lace, and bridal veil. Many guests attended the reception, which was held in the Bruce Arms Hotel. The honeymoon is being spent in the Highlands.”

4th September 1926

Article in *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Falkland v Auchterderran**

“At Scroggie Park, Falkland, on Saturday afternoon. After a succession of defeats, the locals had hopes of pulling off a victory, but those hopes were doomed to disappointment.

The Royal Burgh team had the assistance of Mr David Bonthron and his son, and also N.G. Reid, Captain of Strathallan School team. Falkland’s batting seems to have gone all to pieces lately as Saturday’s result shows, and C.R. Drysdale and St Clair between them, though doing nothing startling, claimed 18 out of a total of 27.

Auchterderran managed, with a bit of a struggle, to surpass this total by 9 runs. Dick and Page laid quite a good foundation, and the succeeding batsmen, although perhaps not following up as they might have done, were able to pull the game out of the fire.

Bowling for the visitors, Cuthbert took five wickets for 11 runs, and Nicholson five for 14. For Falkland, St Clair had three for 1, Birrell two for 5, J. Lawson three for 15, and P. Lawson one for 10. Scores:-

Falkland	
C.R. Drysdale, c. Dick, b. Nicholson	9
G. Baxter, b. Cuthbert	0
N.G. Reid, c. Nicholson, b. Cuthbert	0
P. Lawson, c. Cook, b. Nicholson	1
T. Drysdale, b. Nicholson	2
H. Birrell, b. Nicholson	1
G. Bonthron, b. Cuthbert	1

<i>D. Bonthrone, b. Cuthbert</i>	2
<i>M. St Clair, b. Cuthbert</i>	9
<i>R.S. Drysdale, not out</i>	0
<i>J. Lawson, b. Nicholson</i>	0
<i>Extras</i>	2
Total	27

Auchterderran

<i>W. Dick, st. Reid, b. J. Lawson</i>	11
<i>F. Page, c. St Clair, b. P. Lawson</i>	6
<i>A. Crichton, run out</i>	1
<i>J. Crichton, b. J. Lawson</i>	5
<i>W. Nicholson, c. C.R. Drysdale, b. J. Lawson</i>	1
<i>J. McKinlay, b. Birrell</i>	6
<i>W. Cook, c. G. Bonthrone, b. St Clair</i>	1
<i>F. Cuthbert, c. and b. St Clair</i>	0
<i>J. Kirk, b. Birrell</i>	0
<i>A. Dick, b. St Clair</i>	0
<i>W. Balfour, not out</i>	0
<i>Extras</i>	5
Total	36

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Collection** – “A collection taken at the S.C.W.S. Floorcloth Factory, in aid of Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, amounted to £3 3s.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Meeting** – “Mrs Law, London, one of the Unionist speakers from headquarters, addressed a meeting at Falkland on Thursday afternoon.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Pulpits** – “Rev. J.K. Russell, Parish Church, and Rev. J.P. Batchelor, U.F. Church, exchanged pulpits on Sunday morning.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football** – “There are two teams in the village this season, viz., Lomond Vale and Lomond Thistle. A match between these teams was played on Tuesday evening, and resulted in a win for the former by 3 goals to nil.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “A mixed foursomes competition was played over the local course on Saturday afternoon, when the winning couple was Miss Jean Nelson and Mr D. Braid. Miss Jean Venters and Mr Alex. Hopkins were runners-up.”

Article in *The Fife News*: **Falkland District S.M.C.**

“The August meeting of Falkland District School Management Committee was held in the Public School, Falkland, on Monday evening, Mr J. Kirk, Gateside, presiding.

Reports from the various schools showed the attendance meantime to be excellent, all being well over 90%.

It was agreed to take in estimates, as formerly, for the sports requirements, and motor contracts were also arranged. Under present circumstances it was deemed inadvisable to ask for estimates for coal supply, but the Clerk was instructed to procure supplies at a convenient time, after the termination of the strike.

The annual autumn holiday was fixed for Monday, 4th October, and it was agreed that as formerly, three weeks’ potato holidays be granted, the commencing dates being left to the various sub-Committees to arrange for the different districts.

Arising out of this, some discussion took place as to the advisability of enforcing the rule prohibiting the employment of children under 12 years of age. Ultimately, on the motion of Mr J.S. Macgillivray, Auchtermuchty, it was agreed to request guidance in the matter from the Education Authority, an amendment by Bailie Robertson, Falkland, that no steps be taken in the matter being defeated by 5 votes to 3.

Permission was granted to Auchtermuchty Town Band to practice in the school playground.”

11th September 1926

Article in *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Falkland v Markinch**

“Markinch provided the opposition for Falkland at Scroggie Park on Saturday afternoon, in the latter Club’s concluding fixture. At the outset, the weather conditions were very disagreeable, but gradually improved as the afternoon wore on. The visitors turned up two players short, and subs were got on the field.

Batting first, the locals ran up a total of 87, to which Robertson (30), Hopkins (17), and C.R. Drysdale (13), were chief contributors.

Markinch had gathered 71 runs for the loss of only three wickets when time was called. A feature of their innings was the splendid partnership between the brothers A.A. and Thos. Morrison, who had 34 not out, and 26 runs, respectively. Had these batsmen forced the pace a little, they would, no doubt, have brought victory to their side.

Bowling for Markinch, T. Morrison took four wickets for 30 runs; A.A. Morrison, three for 17; and A.G. Taylor, two for 30. For Falkland, Birrell had two for 10, and C.R. Drysdale, one for 7. Scores:-

Falkland	
C.R. Drysdale, c. sub., b. Taylor	13
T. Drysdale, b. T. Morrison	5
G. Baxter, run out	1
P. Robertson, b. A. Morrison	30
H. Birrell, c. T. Morrison, b. Taylor	5
P. Lawson, b. T. Morrison	0
R. Hopkins, st. McDonald., b. A. Morrison	17
R.S. Drysdale, b. T. Morrison	2
M. St Clair, b. A. Morrison	5
J. Lawson, b. T. Morrison	1
T. Sutherland, not out	0
Extras	8
Total	87

Markinch	
A.A. Morrison, not out	34
A. Wilson, b. Birrell	2
A.G. Taylor, b. Birrell	0
T. Morrison, b. C.R. Drysdale	26
Dr Sellar, not out	4
F.T. Morrison, A. Russell, A. McDonald, P. Birrell, J. Morgan, and P.W. Whitecross did not bat.	
Extras	5
Total for 3 wickets	71

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football** – “In a friendly match between Markinch Bluebell and Falkland Thistle, played at the Myre, the homesters were defeated by two goals to nil.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Tuition** – “Mr George A. Trash, A.R.C.O., organist of St James’ Church, Cupar, intends to start tuition in piano-forte and singing in Falkland, as will be seen from our advertising columns. Last year, Mr Trash successfully carried on tuition in Auchtermuchty, where his pupils, as in Cupar, distinguished themselves.”

18th September 1926

Article in *The Fife News*: **Cricket – Falkland Averages**

“The annual general meeting of the members of Falkland Club was held in the Town Hall, Falkland, on Tuesday evening, when there was a large turnout. In the absence of Mr David Bonthron, president of the Club, Mr Peter Robertson occupied the chair. The financial report showed the Club to be in a sound position.

During the season just concluded, twenty-one matches were played, of which 7 were won, 12 lost, and 2 drawn. Opponents scored 1,565 runs for the loss of 199 wickets, an average of 7.86 runs per wicket, as against Falkland’s 1,489 runs for 208 wickets, an average of 7.16 per wicket.

The list of catches taken during the season is as follows:-

P. Lawson – 15; C.R. Drysdale – 9; P. Robertson – 8; G. Baxter – 6; T.C. Schofield, R. Hopkins, and M. St Clair – 5 each; H. Birrell and T. Drysdale – 4 each; R.S. Drysdale and J. Lawson – 3 each; and W. Stark – 1.

The principal individual averages are as follows:

Batting

Name	Inns.	Times n.o.	Runs	High Score	Average
P. Robertson	18	0	245	50	13.60
P. Lawson	21	1	276	101no	13.08
C.R. Drysdale	20	0	171	44	8.50
W. Stark	8	2	48	15no	8.00
R. Hopkins	17	1	117	26no	7.30
T. Drysdale	12	0	80	39	6.07
G. Baxter	20	1	113	28	6.00

Bowling

Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
P. Lawson	251	64	518	73	7.1
J. Lawson	168.2	38	390	50	7.8
H. Birrell	107.4	35	197	24	8.2
P. Robertson	52.2	4	174	20	8.7

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Harvest** – “Harvesting operations, though hampered by wet weather during this week-end, are now well in hand. Much rain fell between Friday and Tuesday to the detriment of stooks still in the fields.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Popularity of the Palace** – “Since the commencement of the summer, 2,500 persons have visited Falkland Palace. This number constitutes a record. Almost daily in the height of the summer season, charabanc parties made tours of inspection of the Palace, many overseas tourists being among the visitors.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Decrease in Rates** – “Falkland Parish Council have fixed the rates as follows:-

Poor Rate – 7d on owners, 7d on occupiers

Burial – 1/4d on owners, 1/4d on occupiers

Education – 1s 10 ¾d on owners, 1s 10 ¾d on occupiers

Special Parish – 1/4d on owners, 1/4d on occupiers

This is a reduction of 1d on the total for the year, although the Education Authority are asking for an increase this year of £420 19s 4d.”

Article in *The Fife News*: **Football – Lomond Vale’s Lapse at Leslie**

“Lomond Vale fulfilled their first League engagement under Cupar and District auspices, when they opposed Prinlaws United at Leslie on Saturday afternoon. The United won by 6 goals to nil. Milton Violet are the visitors to Falkland tomorrow (Saturday).”

25th September 1926

Article in *The Fife News*: **Football – A Bagful at Falkland**

“Milton Violet and Falkland Lomond Vale met in a Cupar and District League match at Falkland on Saturday afternoon. All through, the game was of a one-sided nature, the visitors being easy winners by 9 goals to 1.

In a friendly match between Newburgh Violet and Falkland Thistle, played at the Myre, Falkland, the locals went under by 2 goals to nil.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Increased Assessments** – “The burgh rates for 1926-1927 have been fixed as follows:-

Owners – 2s 3 ½d per £1; Occupiers – 3s 6 ½d.

Compared with the previous year, there is an increase of 1 ½d on owners and 3 ½d on occupiers.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Balloon Race Prize-Winners** – “Among the prize-winners of the balloon race which took place at the coming-of-age celebrations at Eastwood Park, Giffnock, on 11th September, appears the name of Mr Robert Brown, Westfield, Falkland.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Continuation Classes** – “Enrolments for the various classes were taken at the School on Wednesday last week. The subjects of study are as follows:-

English and Commercial Arithmetic, Shorthand, Book-keeping, Dressmaking, First Aid, Vocal Music, and Upholstery.”

2nd October 1926

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Potato Holidays** – “The Public School closes down to-night (Friday) for the potato lifting vacation.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Distinguished Visitors** – “Hon. Mrs A. Maule Ramsay spent the day at Falkland on Thursday last week. The Marquis and Marchioness of Bute and party have arrived, and are to spend about ten days at Falkland House.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “Mr Charles Beattie (playing as a lady) and Mr Alex. Hopkins were the winning couple in a mixed foursomes competition played over the local course on Saturday afternoon. Their score was 85-26 – 59. Play was over 15 holes.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cinema** – “‘Bonnie Scotland Calls You’ was the title of the picture shown at the local cinema on Saturday evening. Topical, interest, and comedy films completed a first-class programme, and at both showings the hall was well filled.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Heather Day** – “Saturday was ‘Heather Day’ in the village, when the usual collection was taken in aid of the Scottish Children’s League of Pity. The sum collected amounted to £4 6s 9½d. The collectors were:-

Ina Grieve, Mary Bryce, Jemima Mitchell, Mary Cairn, Agnes Brown, Ella Smith, Mary Baxter, Mary McBain, Annie Wilson, and Margaret Currie.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Safe** – “The relatives of Mr Douglas Drysdale, who is in the Miami district of Florida, where the hurricane disaster occurred, have received a cable to say that he is unharmed. Mr Drysdale crossed the ‘Herring Pond’ some years ago.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **District S.M.C.** – “The monthly meeting of the Falkland District S.M.C. was held at Falkland on Monday evening, Mr J. Kirk, Gateside, presiding. Reports from the various schools showed that attendances had been considerably affected by minor illness and epidemics. The contract for supplying sports requisites to the various schools in the area was given to Mrs Mitchell, Auchtermuchty. An informal discussion on the continuation classes elicited the fact that, in general, the number of students enrolled was smaller than last year.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Harvest Thanksgiving** – “The annual harvest thanksgiving service was held in the Parish Church on Sunday morning. The church was open on Saturday evening and Sunday for the receiving of gifts of produce etc. These were packed up and forwarded on Monday mainly to Edinburgh, Dundee and Perth Royal Infirmaries, while allocations were also made to the Church of Scotland Hospital, the Deaconess Hospital, Edinburgh; Kirkcaldy Cottage Hospital; Denbeath Hospital and Auchtermuchty Hospital. A special collection taken at the church door, amounting to £7 2s 6d, was divided between the various deserving institutions. The list of articles forwarded is as follows:-

Jam – 85lb, Tea – 12 ¼ lb, Sugar – 50lb, Honey – 12 sections, Mixed Vegetables – 3 cwts., Potatoes – 2 cwt., Mixed Groceries – ½ cwt., Mixed Fruit – ½ cwt., 5 chickens, 3 pair rabbits, 4 doz. Eggs.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Whist Drive** – “Under the auspices of the local Cricket Club, a successful whist drive was held in the Drill Hall last Friday night. A pleasant ceremony took place during the evening, when Mr David Bonthron, president of the Club, on behalf of the members, presented Mr Peter Lawson, vice-captain, with a bat

for having registered a century against Auchterderran, and Mr John Lawson with a ball for having taken all ten wickets (including the 'hat-trick') against Stratheden. Both bat and ball were suitably inscribed. At a dance which followed, Mr R.C. Drysdale acted as M.C. The prize-winners at the which drive were:-

Ladies – 1. Miss Jean Lawson, 190; 2. Miss Mary Lawson, 186; Consolation – Miss Lizzie Page, 133.

Gentlemen – 1. Mr C.R. Drysdale, 193; 2. Mr Alex. Bell, 190; 'Fife News' prize – Mr Alex. Cowan, 136.”

Article in *The Fife News*: **Football – Falkland Outplayed**

“Lomond Vale and Lassodie Amateurs met in the first round of the Scottish Juvenile Cup at Falkland on Saturday afternoon. The visitors held the upper hand all through the game and emerged easy winners by 5 goals to 1.”

9th October 1926

Article in *The Fife News*: **Football – Freuchie Rovers v Falkland**

“Although the meeting of these two teams at Freuchie on Saturday in a Cupar and District League game savoured of a 'local Derby', it only attracted a very moderate turnout of spectators, owing possibly to many having gone holiday-making. A good breeze was blowing, and Falkland had the advantage of this in the first half. With this help, they tested the Freuchie defence, and twice beat Beattie in the Rovers' goal, the goal-getters being Lindsay and Lee. Nevertheless, they did not have all the play, for Fleming almost scored, whilst Dalrymple had the first goal for the home team.

After the cross-over, Rovers pressed immediately, and got a corner within the first two minutes, but nothing resulted. Steady pressure continued, however, and Barclay got the equaliser for Rovers. With the game standing level, Rovers strode hard for the winning point, and repeatedly had the ball in dangerous proximity to the Vale's goal, but time and again just missed putting it through. Findlay almost did the trick, the ball appearing to many of the spectators, to be through, but it was disallowed by the referee. Falkland were equally anxious to get the lead, and this they ultimately secured through P. Lawson. Towards the finish the game got rather rough, and Lindsay, of Falkland, was ordered off the field. Despite all their efforts, Rovers were unable to reduce the lead, and the game ended – Lomond Vale 3; Freuchie Rovers 2.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Holidays** – “The Public School closed last Friday afternoon for a three weeks’ potato lifting vacation.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Churches** – “Rev. J. Taylor, Collessie, occupied the Parish Church pulpit on Sunday morning, and the Rev. A.H. Anderson of Auchtermuchty conducted both morning and afternoon services in the U.F. Church.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Autumn Holiday** – “Monday was observed as the annual autumn holiday in the burgh. Many of the townsfolk took advantage of the reduced holiday fares offered by the Railway Company.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Appointment** – “Dr C.B. Grieve, Southbank, Falkland, has been appointed certifying surgeon under the Factory and Workshops Acts in succession to Dr W.H. Shand (deceased), for the district of Falkland.”

16th October 1926

Announcement in *The Fife News*: **Falkland War Memorial Institute**

“Annual General Meeting will be held in Reading Room, on Monday, 25th October, at 8 p.m. T.C. Schofield, Hon. Secy.”

Article in *The Fife News*: **Football – Falkland’s Poor Show**

“After defeating Freuchie Rovers a fortnight ago, it was expected Falkland Lomond Vale would put up a good fight against Markinch Victoria Rangers in the C. and D. League at Falkland last Saturday. The Vale held their own during the first half of the game, but after the cross-over, the visitors took a firm grip of things and ran out easy winners by 7 goals to 1.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Vital Statistics** – “In Falkland parish, for the quarter ending September, there were 18 births, five deaths, and seven marriages.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Pulpit** – “In connection with the Falkland and Freuchie Auxiliary to the National Bible Society of Scotland, Rev. W.J. Auld of Freuchie U.F. Church occupied the Parish Church pulpit on Sunday evening.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Parish Church** – “During the summer months, fittings for electric lighting were installed in the Parish Church. On Sunday evening, the system was in use for the first time, and was considered a great improvement.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Whist Club** – “The Whist Club members opened their winter session on Tuesday evening in the War Memorial Institute. The reports of last year’s workings were read, and considered satisfactory.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Gas Price Increased** – “The price of gas in Falkland is now 10s per 1,000 cubic feet, and this is probably the highest rate paid in the Howe of Fife. Prior to the present increase, which is due to the cost of coal, the price was 8s 9d per 1,000 cubic feet.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Retiring Councillors** – “The following fall to retire from Falkland Town Council at November:-

Messrs William Horne, Thomas Grant, David Chisholm, and James Skinner.

Mr Horne, who is the father of the Council, has served continuously for over 20 years.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Dog Breeder’s Success** – “Mr Gordon Sturrock, head gamekeeper at House of Falkland, at the Scottish Kennel Club Show at Edinburgh, had forward six springer spaniels, and gained four first and two second prizes. The mother of the team, it may be recalled, was claimed at the Glasgow show a year ago at the price of £100 by Mrs Clinton Dick, a well-known breeder.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **The Gale** – “With the gale on Saturday many chimney cans and slates were blown from houses on to the streets. A number of trees in the district were uprooted. The electric light supply also failed in the evening, and shops and other premises in which the light is installed were put in darkness. Shopkeepers resorted to candle light for the short period which prevailed before the electric power was restored.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Curling Club** – “The annual general meeting of Falkland Curling Club was held in the Town Hall, Mr George B. Morgan, president, in the chair. The reports by the Secretary and Treasurer, which were submitted, and showed that the Club had a successful season, were considered as very satisfactory. The debt incurred some years ago in the making of the artificial rinks at the ‘Lappie’ had been reduced to a nominal sum, which the Hon. Mrs Ramsay, as patroness, had kindly allowed to remain as a loan without interest. It will be remembered that the late Lord Ninian Crichton Stuart was to a large extent the promoter of the game on the artificial rinks. The present satisfactory financial position is due to the generous contributions of patrons, members, and old friends of Falkland. The advent of ten new members, all promising players, during last season was a great asset to the Club. The following are the members of Committee and Council of Management:-

Major Lumsden (convener), Messrs Gordon Sturrock, Walter Peggie jnr., James Jackson, Robert Miller, Martin Smart, and David Bonthron. Under the rules, two of the Committee retire annually. Messrs N. Smart and D. Bonthron are the new members this year.

The charges for lighting the rinks were readjusted, as arranged at a former special meeting. The skips for the various fixtures were appointed on the lines of the former rotation, the President and vice-President being skips for the two rinks entered for the grand match.”

23rd October 1926

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Funeral and Deposit Society** – “The annual disbursement of the funds of this Society takes place to-morrow (Saturday). The levy this year is 1s 2d per member, and 7d per half-member.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Special Church Service** – “A service unique in the annals of Falkland Parish Church took place on Sunday evening, when the Right Rev. J.D. McCallum, D.D., of Larkhall, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, occupied the pulpit. He delivered an eloquent sermon to a very large congregation, which included the Town Council, the Boy Scouts under Scoutmaster Wallace, Girl Guides under Captain Melville, and members of the U.F. Church. Revs. J.P. Batchelor, U.F. Church, and J.K. Russell, Parish Church, also took part in the service.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Song Lecture** – “Under the auspices of the Women’s Guild of Falkland Parish Church, a song lecture, entitled ‘Jacobean Minstrelsy’, was given by Mr Alan Beveridge, Edinburgh, in the Drill Hall, Falkland, to a large audience. Rev. J.K. Russell occupied the chair, and Miss Edmiston accompanied the singer at the piano.”

Advert in *The Fife News*: **Falkland** – “For Sale – Houses, 2 and 3 Apartments, Shops, Fish Restaurant, Business carried on. Entry Martinmas. James Forsyth, Falkland.”

30th October 1926

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Storm** – “The storm which swept the district on Monday was severely felt in Falkland and district, although the damage done was light. At the farm of Templelands a tree was uprooted and narrowly missed the steading in its fall. Slates and tiles were blown off roofs, and roads in the vicinity were littered with leaves, twigs, and branches.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Cinema Lecture** – “For the purpose of demonstrating farm life in Canada, a cinema lecture entitled ‘Canada’, featuring ‘The High Road to Independence’, was given by Mr Alexander M’Owan in the Drill Hall last week. There was a large audience.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **War Memorial Institute** – “The annual general meeting of the members was held in the Reading Room on Monday evening. Mr Walter Peggie, President, occupied the chair in the presence of a fair turnout. Mrs T.D. Hopkins was elected to the committee of management, while Messrs Robert Nellies and Thomas Drysdale were re-elected to that committee. Messrs Thomas Schofield and John Reid were re-appointed secretary and treasurer, respectively.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **School Re-opens** – “The Public School re-opened on Tuesday morning after three weeks’ potato lifting vacation.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Town Council Election** – “There is to be a contest for municipal honours at Falkland, five candidates having been nominated for four seats on the Town Council. Two members of the Council who retired – Mr Thomas Grant and Mr James Skinner – are going forward again, and the new candidates are Mr Robert Hendry, Mr Thomas Williamson, and Mrs Mary Brown, Horsemarket.”

Article in *The Fife News*: **Dovecote Dairy, Falkland**

“Speedie Brothers Ltd., conducted a roup of crop at Dovecote Dairy, Falkland, for Messrs P. Ronaldson & Son. With a large attendance of buyers, a good trade was experienced. Pits of Golden Wonder potatoes from £6 to £11, and Swedish turnips to 8s 6d per drill.”

Article in *The Fife News*: **Fiddlehall, Falkland**

“Speedie Brothers Ltd., Cupar, conducted on Saturday, the waygoing roup at Fiddlehall, Falkland, for Mr A. Elder, the holding having been purchased by Mr J. Duncan, Myreside. There was a large attendance and a satisfactory sale was got. The following are the principal prices realised:-

Stacks oat straw, £4 to £6; stacks hay to £5 15s; pits potatoes to £9; bullock stirks, £13 5s; heifer stirks, £12 15s; calves to £9 5s.”

6th November 1926

Article in *The Fife News*: **Football – Pitlessie v Lomond Vale**

“Falkland Lomond Vale team included several newcomers when they defeated Pitlessie Hearts in the first round of the Stein Cup at Pitlessie on Saturday. The visitors took a firm hold of the game from the start, and by half-time had rattled in four goals, Hepburn and Lawson having one each, and Stewart at centre, notching two.

Play in the second half was chiefly in favour of the Vale, who added another goal through Campbell. Pitlessie managed to find the billet only once, and that during a melee in the visitors’ goalmouth. Falkland won by 5 goals to 1.

This was the brightest display the burgh team have given so far this season, and if they can keep it up they should make several of the neighbouring teams sit up and take notice. The newcomers to the side have a fine knowledge of the game; and victory on Saturday was in no small measure due to them.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Football** – “Falkland Thistle had Ladybank Y.M. Guild 2nd XI as visitors at the Myre on Saturday afternoon, in a friendly game. A draw of four goals each was a fair reflex of a keen encounter.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Communion** – “On Sunday evening, the usual Communion preparatory service was held in the Parish Church, when those coming forward to the Lord’s Table for the first time were admitted as members of the congregation.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf** – “The annual general meeting of the members of the local golf Club was held in the War Memorial Institute on Friday evening, Mr Andrew Venters, vice-Captain of the Club, presiding over a small turnout. As there were several important matters up for discussion, it was decided to call another meeting for Monday, 8th November, in the hope that there would be a larger turnout.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **New Charabanc** – “The Central Garage, Cupar, have added another charabanc to their equipment. It commenced its runs on the Falkland-Cupar route on Tuesday night. It is a 30 h.p. ‘Karrier’ of the latest pattern. Upholstered in maroon rexine with wide springy seats, it accommodates 26 passengers. The entrance door, which is at the front, is wide and low, and an emergency exit door is situated at the back. The passengers are under a permanently covered roof with large glass windows, and at nights the interior is electrically lighted.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Municipal Election** – “There was very little excitement over Falkland’s municipal contest on Tuesday, but nevertheless 54% of the electorate went to the polling booths. There were only two spoiled papers. Mr Robert Strachan, the Town Officer, announced the result of the poll to a fair crowd. The results were:-

Thomas Grant – 151, Robert Hendry – 126, Mrs Mary Brown – 125, James Skinner – 119.

Unsuccessful – Thomas Williamson – 103.

Mr Grant made a short speech in which he thanked the electors for returning him at the top of the poll. Messrs Grant and Skinner are old members of the Council. Mrs Brown, who is the first lady member of the Town Council in the history of the burgh,

was one of the unsuccessful candidates last year, at which time she assured a Fife News representative that she was not downhearted with the result then, and would certainly try again. She is of opinion there are many points in Council work with which a woman can assist.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Co-operative Society** – “The half-yearly general meeting of the members was held in the Town Hall on Wednesday evening, Mr Thomas Jackson, Chairman of the Society, presiding over a large turnout. The balance sheet was submitted and approved. Questions referring to certain items were satisfactorily answered by Mr George Williamson, F.L.A.A., auditor, who was present. Sales for the half-year show a decrease of approximately £250, the grocery department being £40 and the drapery £210 down. The amount to be paid out as dividend to-morrow (Saturday) is £559 5s 10d, which works out at 2s 2d per £1 to members and 1s 1d to non-members. Messrs Thomas Jackson,, President; Wm. Gullon, Secretary; and Wm. Bartie, Treasurer, were re-appointed, and Miss Mary Anderson, and Messrs John J. Ross, Thomas Grant, and James Lawson were elected to the Committee of Management. A vote of thanks to the Chairman was proposed by Provost Hopkins.”

Article in *The Fife News*: **Falkland Merchant Sues Ladybank Laird**

“Sheriff Dudley Stuart has decided to hear proof on 9th December, in the action in which James Douglas, potato merchant, Falkland, sues Oliver Haig of Ramornie, Ladybank, for £30, said to be the amount of damages sustained in connection with alleged breach of contract in a potato deal.

In his condescendence pursuer states that about April 1924 he purchased two tons of Arran Chief seed potatoes from defender, at the price of £8 per ton. The potatoes were delivered, and the money paid. An implied condition of the contract was that the potatoes should be true to name to the extent of 97%. They were re-sold by defender to Messrs R.B. Robb & Co., potato merchants, Auchtermuchty, who re-sold them to the Scottish Potato Trading Co., Ltd. From that Company, they were bought by W.L. Millar, farmer, North Kinkell, Auchterarder, who planted them on his farm. They were inspected by the Board of Agriculture when the flower was on the haulm, and the Board’s inspector reported that the growing crop was not Arran Chief, but was mixed to the extent of at least 50% with other varieties. W.L. Millar claimed damages to the amount of £30 against the Scottish Potato Trading Company Ltd., who intimated the claim for relief against R.B. Robb & Co., who in turn intimated a claim for relief against pursuer. All the parties concerned were satisfied that the claim for damages was fair and reasonable in amount, and the claim was ultimately paid by pursuer.

In his answers the defender states that no guarantee of any kind was given with the potatoes, which were purchased after inspection, from the defender, through his farm manager. When pursuer wrote complaining about the potatoes, defender repudiated liability through his agents, and his farm manager verbally repudiated liability. Defender avers that the action was uncalled for.

Agents – For pursuer, Messrs J.L. Anderson & Co., Cupar; for defender, Messrs Pagan & Osborne, Cupar.”

13th November 1926

Article in *The Fife News*: **Football – Unexpected Conclusion at Falkland**

“Pitlessie Hearts and Lomond Vale met in the first round of the Cura Cup at Falkland on Saturday. Teams:-

Lomond Vale – Dewar; Craig and P. Birrell; Ritchfield, Lawson and Campbell; Anderson, Stewart, Strudley, Hepburn, and H. Birrell.

Pitlessie – Marr; J. Maxwell and Burton; Smith, Wallace and Mckenzie; Garland, Neilson, G. Robertson, R. Robertson and F. Maxwell.

Referee – Mr J. Findlay, Kirkcaldy.

The visitors immediately settled down, and within five minutes from the start were one up, Dewar failing to hold a shot from their centre. This early reverse nettled the locals, and in a rush Anderson missed by inches. Pitlessie again returned to the attack, and after F. Maxwell had struck the crossbar with the goalkeeper nowhere, G. Robertson headed through a cross from the same player. The Vale made tracks goalwards and had hard luck when Stewart headed against the crossbar. Strudley, however, got his cranium on the rebound, and opened the homesters account. Following mid-field play the home centre shot narrowly past. Pitlessie again took up the running, and their centre, eluding the home backs, left Dewar helpless with a good shot, and thus registered his ‘hat trick’. Falkland retaliated strongly and Stewart narrowly missed. Shortly afterwards Strudley had to go off for repairs as a result of colliding with J. Maxwell. From the resultant free kick, Hepburn rattled the woodwork. The interval arrived with the visitors leading by 3-1.

The second half opened similarly to the first, Pitlessie centre scoring. After some nice play by the home left wing, Lawson sent over when well placed. Returning to the attack, Strudley was well on his way towards the visitors’ goal when he was grassed inside the penalty area. Craig converted the spot kick. Shortly after the kick-off the home centre again gained possession, and further reduced the leeway with a fast low shot. Pitlessie were out of it at this stage, and Strudley brought the

scores level by nodding through a cross from the left. Mid-field play followed for a spell, and then Strudley again scored, thus giving his side the lead. The Hearts fought hard for the equaliser, which they ultimately secured through Garland. The Vale, however, quickly regained the lead, Hepburn letting go a beauty from about 18 yards. The light at this stage was very bad, and the visiting side averred that Hepburn's shot had gone over the bar and that the referee was wrong in awarding a goal. The official, however, stuck to his decision and ordered the ball to be centred. Pitlessie players refused to line up within the required time, and Mr Findlay consequently blew for conclusion of the game seven minutes from time with the score 6-5 in favour of the Vale."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Town Council** – "At a meeting of the Town Council held in the Town Hall on Friday, the following Committees were appointed for the ensuing year:-

Town's Committee – Councillors Drysdale and Robertson, and Provost and Magistrates.

Roads, Bridges and Streets – Bailie Robertson (convener), Councillors Skinner, Nellies, Jack, Riley and Mrs Brown.

Burgh General, Sanitary, Water, and Lighting – Councillor Grant (convener), Councillors Hendry, Drysdale, Skinner, Riley and Mrs Brown.

Drill Hall Letting – Councillor Nellies (convener), Councillors Drysdale, Jack, and Mrs Brown.

Dean of Guild – Provost Hopkins (convener), Councillors Grant and Robertson.

Finance – Bailie Hunt (convener), Bailie Robertson, Councillors Grant, Hendry, Robertson and Nellies.

Housing – Provost Hopkins (convener), Councillors Riley, Drysdale, Robertson, Hendry and Nellies."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Collection** – "The annual collection taken at the S.C.W.S. Linen Factory, in aid of Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, amounted to £4 7s 4d."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Dance** – "Under the auspices of Lomond Vale F.C., a successful dance was held in the Drill Hall. About fifty couples attended, and music was supplied by 'The Dixie Five' Orchestra from Cardenden. Messrs P. Birrell and G. Anderson discharged the duties of M.C."

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Communion** – “The sacrament of the Lord’s supper was dispensed in the Parish and U.F. Churches on Sunday morning. The evening thanksgiving services at the respective places of worship were conducted by the Rev. W. Gemmell Mitchell, Freuchie, and Rev. W.D. Beattie, Monimail. Rev. D.W. Greenfield, Edenshead U.F. Church, officiated at the preparatory service in the U.F. Church on Friday evening.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Golf Club** – “A second meeting of the members was held in the War Memorial Institute on Monday evening, when there was a good turnout. The balance sheet showed a deficit of £6 5s 8d. For the purpose of wiping off this amount, it was decided to hold a dance, and a Committee with Mr T. Drysdale as convener, and Mr R. Kennedy as secretary was appointed. Office-bearers of the Club for next season were elected as follows:-

Patrons – Capt. A. Maule Ramsay and Mr J.H. Patullo.

President – Mr David Bonthron; vice-Presidents – Mr Alex. Shanks and Mr Lindsay.

Captain – Mr Andrew Venters; vice-Captain – Mr James Ross.

Secretary – Mr John Drysdale; Treasurer – Mr John Reid.

Management Committee – Captain, vice-Captain, Messrs T. Drysdale, G. Robertson, T.C. Schofield, A. Anderson, and H. Lee.

Green Committee – Captain, vice-Captain, Secretary, Treasurer, Messrs T. Drysdale and G. Robertson.”

20th November 1926

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Aiding Disabled Men** – “Falkland and Newton of Falkland responded nobly to Earl Haig’s appeal for funds for disabled ex-Service men. Between the two places a sum of £17 6s 6d was realised from the sale of poppies. Added to that amount was £6 10s from the Discharged and Demobilised Soldiers and Sailors Fund, thus making a total of £23 16s 6d forwarded. Mrs Miller, ‘Westlea’, had charge of the arrangements.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Kirkin' O' The Cooncil** – “The ‘kirkin’ of the Town Council took place on Sunday, when the members and officials attended the Parish Church in the morning and the U.F. Church in the afternoon.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Remembrance Service** – “The annual service to commemorate the signing of peace in 1918 was held in the Parish Church on Sunday morning. Professor Duncan of St Andrews, late chaplain to Earl Haig, officiated. Included in the congregation were the Town Council, ex-Service men, Girl Guides, and Boy Scouts. Wreaths were laid on the Memorial tablet by the three last named companies. Mr John Ross sounded ‘The Last Post’ and ‘Reveille’, and Piper John Kay played the lament. The service concluded with the singing of the National Anthem.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Farm Servant Killed** – “A motor cycling accident with a fatal termination occurred at 11 p.m. on Saturday, near Pitlessie. Andrew Douglas (21), farm servant, Kirkness Farm, near Lochore, had been in Cupar, and was going to his father’s house at Falkland. On his way he called on a friend at the cottar houses at Cults Farm. Later in the night a man and woman walking on the road which leads on to the main Cupar-Kirkcaldy road, found Douglas lying unconscious about 250 yards from the main road. The woman ran for assistance, but before it arrived Douglas was dead. His body was removed to the Adamson Cottage Hospital, Cupar. The cause of the accident, it is supposed, after an examination of the motor cycle, was the fact that the pins holding the side plates of the front forks had given way. The lower part of the engine would naturally sag, and when it struck the road, Douglas was thrown over the handlebars, alighting violently on his head. Deceased is the son of Mr James Douglas, potato merchant, Victoria Place, Falkland.”

27th November 1926

Article in *The Fife News*: **Football – Two Points for Falkland**

“Falkland Lomond Vale and Freuchie Rovers met under Cupar and District League auspices at Falkland on Saturday afternoon. The homesters were without Craig and Campbell, and Lee and Reekie filled the vacancies. Teams:-

Vale – Dewar; Lee and Sinclair; Stewart, Lawson and Reekie; P. Birrell, Anderson, Strudley, Hepburn and H. Birrell.

Rovers – Morgan; Barclay and Gamba; Fulton, Fleming and Normand; Houston, Scobie, Mackie, Coyle and Wilson.

Both sides took some time to settle down, and consequently play in the early part of the game was rather scrappy. An infringement on the part of a Rover's defender led up to the Vale opening their account. Hepburn took the kick, and placed nicely, and Fleming in attempting to head clear deflected the ball through his own goal. Midfield play followed, until Strudley, gaining possession, carried well up and parted to P. Birrell, who shot hard. Morgan failed to gather properly, and Hepburn had no difficulty in scoring. The interval arrived with the Vale leading by 2 goals to nil.

On the resumption, the Rovers tried hard to open their account, but found themselves up against a defence which was giving nothing away. Scobie fired in a hard shot, but Dewar fielded well, and Fleming banged the ball wildly over when well placed. The homesters raced away to the other end to force a corner, which was cleared. Shortly afterwards, Morgan, for the third time, had to acknowledge defeat, Hepburn again being the marksman. The Rovers returned to the attack, and following a fine run, their outside left put weakly past. After that, play was poor, especially for a 'Local Derby', and with no further alteration to the scores, the game was concluded just as the light was beginning to fail.

Result – Vale – 3; Rovers – 0.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Masonic** – “Office-bearers of Lodge St John (No. 35) have been appointed for the following year, as follows:-

R.W.M. – Bro. James Skinner; I.P.M. – Bro. John Garland; D.M. – Bro. John Drysdale; S.M. – Bro. T.D. Hopkins; S.W. – Bro. Harry Lee; J.W. – Bro. Thos. L. Ross; Secretary – Bro. Wm. W. Gullon; Treasurer – Bro. James R. Walker; Chaplin – Bro. John Nelson; S.D. – Bro. Matthew Condie; J.D. – Bro. Wm. Paterson; Bible Bearer – Bro. David Florrar; Director of Ceremonies – Bro. Peter Robertson; Sword Bearer – Bro. David Munro; Marshal – Bro. Wm. Gould; Director of Music – Bro. David Clark; J.G. – Bro. Charles Hepburn; Tyler – Bro. John Walker; Auditors – Bros. Alex Anderson and Robert Miller.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Whist Drive and Dance** – “For the purpose of providing gifts for the deserving people of the village at Christmas, a whist drive followed by a dance was held in the Drill Hall on Friday evening. The function, which was arranged by a committee of ladies with Mrs Morgan, Kilgour, as convener, was a great success, there being thirty-three tables occupied at whist. Mr Thomas Drysdale acted as timekeeper. At the dance, music was supplied by Morgan's Band from Kingskettle, and Mr T.C. Schofield discharged the duties of M.C.

Prize-winners were as follows:-

Ladies – 1. Miss E. Page, 189; 2. Mrs Homden, 187; 3. Miss Dewar, 186; consolation – Miss C. Hardie, 131; highest without winning 'Klondike' – Mrs C. Anderson, 174; travelling prize – Miss C. Lawson.

Gentlemen – 1. Mr G. Page, Upper Urquhart, 192; 2. Mr W. Peggie, 188; 3. Mr J. MacDonald, Freuchie, 187; consolation – Mr T. Wilkie, Newton of Falkland, 135; highest without winning 'Klondike' – Mr C. Oram, 176; travelling prize – Mr Alan Robertson.”

4th December 1926

Article in *The Fife News*: **Football – Lomond Vale Win at Guardbridge**

“When Falkland Lomond Vale and Guardbridge United met in the first round of the Fife Cup at Guardbridge a fortnight ago, the game was stopped on account of the failing light, with the United leading by 5 goals to 4. The replay took place at ‘the paper town’ on Saturday. The Vale had a large following of supporters who showed which way their interests lay in no uncertain fashion. Play in the first half was always in favour of the visitors, who, when half-time arrived, were leading by 3 goals to nil.

The second half was practically a repetition of the first, and when the final whistle sounded, Falkland were winners by 6 goals to 2. Goal-scorers for the Vale were; Hepburn (2), Abernethy, Stewart, H. Birrell and Craig (from a penalty). For Guardbridge, the scorers were Campbell and Gatherum.

Altogether the visiting team had the ball between the posts nine times during the course of the game, but in three instances offside nullified the points.”

Extract from *The Fife News* – **Curling** – “In the second round of the World’s Curling Championship played at the Edinburgh Ice Rink, Haymarket, on Tuesday, C. Jackson, Falkland, defeated J. Clark, Roslin, by 22 shots to 4.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Welcome Gifts** – “As a result of the whist drive and dance reported in these columns last week, the Committee have been able to distribute among the deserving people of Falkland and Newton of Falkland, 7 tons of coals, 63lb. of tea, and 240lb. of sugar.”

11th December 1926

Article in *The Fife News*: **Football – Falkland Force Re-play**

“Falkland Lomond Vale and Prinlaws United met in the second round of the Stein Cup at Leslie last Saturday. Hepburn and Sinclair, two of the Vale’s stalwarts, cried off at the last minute, and consequently the visitors’ chances looked none too rosy when they took the field.

The United commenced as if they meant to carry everything before them, and in thirty minutes were four goals up. The Vale then took a say in the game, and Strudley popped in two goals before the interval.

The second half was quite the reverse of the first, as Falkland monopolised play. Strudley registered another two goals, thus bringing his own and his side’s total up to four, and so forcing a re-play for the Vale. Goal scorers for Prinlaws were MacLean, Hume, Shields, and Garry.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Service** – *“Rev. A. Scott Murray, Burntisland, officiated at both morning and afternoon services in the U.F. Church on Sunday.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Collection** – *“A collection taken on behalf of the Sick Children’s Hospital, Edinburgh, realised £7 11s 6d. Mrs Miller, Westlea, had charge of the arrangements, and the collectors were Misses Mary Bryce and Isa Dakers.”*

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Whist Drive** – *“Under the auspices of the local Unionist Association, a successful whist drive, followed by a dance, was held in the Drill Hall on Friday night. Mr Thomas Drysdale acted as M.C. at the dance. Prize-winners at the whist were as follows:-*

Ladies – 1. Miss H. Craig; 2. Miss Chisholm; consolation – Miss Ness.

Gentlemen – 1. Mr D. Smart, Freuchie; 2. Mr T. Drysdale; consolation – Mrs Duff, Newton of Falkland (playing as a gent).”

18th December 1926

Article in *The Fife News*: **Football – Stratheden v Falkland L.V.**

“Stratheden entertained their near neighbours from Falkland on Saturday in a Cupar and District League game. The visitors have been going strong for some time, and Stratheden’s chances of two points were made more remote by the fact that at the kick-off several of the team selected had failed to appear and the locals had perforce to commence with eight men.

The homesters kicked with the wind, and at once made a raid on the Falkland goal, but Buchanan was adjudged off-side. The attack was sustained and the homesters opened the scoring early on, a long shot from Coull being misjudged by the Falkland ‘keeper. Stratheden again made ground by means of a free kick against Falkland’s left half, but the visitors retaliated strongly, and Coull dispossessed the Falkland outside left in the course of a dangerous run. The next minute Chapman put narrowly past, and Birrell for Falkland shot over the bar on the visitors return. Several fouls occurred, but none were of the dirty order, being mostly for ‘hands’. Wilson popped up to save a point blank shot three yards from the home goal. A narrow squeak!

Back came the home lot and three corners in succession were not improved upon. Buchanan made the visitors’ supporters quake when he put narrowly past, after the Falkland ‘keeper had left his goal to stop a shot. The custodian further distinguished himself by saving fast shots from Brown and Reid. Falkland were making raids whenever possible, and in one of these Craig levelled accounts by scoring with a slow ball close in, his weight getting the better of Sutherland who was in close attendance. Brown again shot well, but on the return of the visitors a bouncing ball played on to Coull’s arm and the referee awarded the visitors a spot kick, which was taken by Craig, who failed to beat Gavin, the latter receiving a well merited cheer for his save. Give-and-take play followed with the visitors mostly on the defensive. Half-time – Stratheden, 1; Falkland, 1.

On the re-opening, the visitors put past Gavin’s charge and set up strong pressure. Craig, who had not done much bar scoring the equaliser, then shot wildly over the bar. The home lot shook off the visitors and had a spell of pressing, but the aid of a free kick was not improved upon. Buchanan enlivened matters with a shot which missed by inches. A furious bombardment of the visitor’s goal followed, and ended by Reid scoring with a rocket shot which took the underside of the bar, after Chapman had struck that piece of woodwork. Goals now came quickly. Two minutes had not gone when Falkland equalised, the inside right doing the needful in a simple manner, which made the spectators wonder what had come over the home defence, and which emphasised Stratheden’s need from another back on the right of Gavin, although no blame is attributable to Clark for the two goals.

The fat was now in the fire and from the kick-off the homesters bore down in full sail on the Falkland goal, Buchanan putting his side on the lead, amid cheering. The homesters were going great guns and the Falkland right back had to kick out when hard pressed by Duff, but the home centre put over after the ball had been well re-

crossed by Brown. Away came Falkland again, and after a period of pressure they again equalised through their inside left. The game swayed from end to end with the home side pressing.

Result – Startheden, 3; Falkland Lomond Vale, 3.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Billiards** – “The first of the season’s tournaments reached a conclusion on Monday evening, when Mr W. Ross (-40) defeated Mr Peter Robertson (-40) in the final by 11 points in 100 up.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Curling** – “In the qualifying round on the Swan trophy on the Edinburgh Ice Rink on Friday, Falkland No 1 (G.J. Lumsden) defeated Balerno No. 1 (H. Easton) by 15 shots to 12, and Falkland No. 2 (W. Bonthron) defeated Balerno No. 2 (W. Lawson) by 12 shots to 11.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Ex-Service Men’s Dinner** – “Falkland ex-Service men held their annual dinner in the Bruce Arms Hotel on Friday night, when Mr Thomas Schofield presided over a fairly large gathering. The toast list was:-

‘The King,’ proposed by the Chairman; ‘Imperial Forces,’ by Mr St Clair; reply by Mr Thomas Drysdale; and ‘Fallen Comrades,’ by Rev. J.K. Russell.

The following contributed towards the evening’s entertainment:-

Rev. J.K. Russell, Messrs S.H. Brooman, T. Drysdale, T. Grant, T. Hamilton, H. Lee, W.G. Leburn, C. Oram, W. Paterson, D. Riley, T.C. Schofield, M. St Clair, R.A. Wallace, and J. Dryden.

A very happy time was spent.”

25th December 1926

Article in *The Fife News*: **Football – Falkland v Prinlaws United**

“The above teams met at Falkland on Saturday in the re-play of the second round of the Stein Cup. Owing to the non-appearance of several of the Vale’s ‘outsiders’, local players had to be called upon, and the match was half-an-hour late in starting, and as a result, had to be stopped owing to bad light about ten minutes from time.

The opening exchanges were of a give-and-take nature, neither side claiming much advantage. Prinlaws, however, gradually settled down, and following some good play by the forwards, their centre scored. The locals made a spirited reply, and Lawson rattled the cross-bar with the United's goalkeeper nowhere. The same player sent narrowly over shortly afterwards. It was nearing the interval when the visitors again went ahead through their outside right, and the breather arrived with locals two goals down.

On the resumption, the Vale tried hard to reduce the leeway. Their efforts, however, were unavailing, and Strudley was left to plough a lone furrow because of the inside men lying too far back. Prinlaws registered still another goal, and when the game was stopping, they were leading by three goals to nil."

Western Section League

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Markinch V.R.	7	6	0	1	31	8	13
Milton Violet	7	6	0	1	26	3	13
Prinlaws	7	4	3	0	20	7	8
Falkland	6	2	3	1	11	27	5
Kennoway	6	2	4	0	11	15	4
Freuchie Rovers	9	2	7	0	6	32	4
Stratheden	6	0	5	1	11	24	1

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Masonic** – “The brethren of Lodge St John (No. 35) held their annual dinner in the Commercial Hotel on Friday night, when there was a good turnout. A pleasant time was spent.”

Extract from *The Fife News*: **Sale of Work** – “Under the auspices of the U.F. Church Ladies’ Work Party, a very successful sale of work, produce, cake and candy was held in the Church Hall on Saturday afternoon. Provost Hopkins performed the opening ceremony. Purchasers crowded round the various stalls, and stocks thereon were rapidly disposed of. A sum of over £61 was realised. The stall-holders were:-

Work Stall – Mrs Batchelor and Miss Peggie

Cake and Produce Stall – Miss Horne, Mrs Dakers, and Miss E. Hay

Candy Stall – Miss Page and Miss Wotherspoon

Teas – Mrs Baird, Miss C. Peggie, Miss Todd, Miss J. Nelson, Miss L. Anderson, and Miss Marjory Bryce.”

